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A redundancy package to be announced by the Westland helicopter company today will cost 750 jobs, the white-collar union Tess said last night. The company has a shortage of orders until work begins on an Anglo-Italian helicopter in the 1990s

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A father of three, aged 39, received five life sentences at Norwich Crown Court on charges of attempted murder, kidnapping, and rape involving two girls, aged 13

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Water authorities are to *launch* a drive to collect unpaid rates worth millions of pounds for garden hoses and swimming pools

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Tory poll tie

The Conservatives and Labour are neck-and-neck, according to a MORI opinion poll published yesterday in *The London Standard* which puts the parties on 36 per cent, with the Alliance on 25 per cent. The Prime Minister's popularity has slightly increased, and Mr Neil Kinnock's decreased, during the past month.

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A Paris gang forced two Brink's security men to open the company's safe by holding their familes hostage. The haul was £6 million

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Thatcher's patience wears thin as summit slows to a 'snail's pace'

EEC split on reform dims early optimism

From Richard Owen, Luxembourg

Initial guarded optimism over EEC reform and the future shape of Europe began to evaporate last night as leaders at the Luxembourg summit ended the first day seriously at odds over achieving a full internal market and the free movement of people and goods cross their frontiers.

There were reports that although West Germany and France were moving towards agreement, Mrs Margaret Thatcher was becoming increasingly irritated with lengthy discussions on the definition of the Common Market. This raised fears of another "volcanic eruption" by Mrs Thatcher of the kind which reduced the last summit at Milan to ashes.

A *small bomb thrown from* a passing car exploded near the summit centre yesterday, rattling windows and causing mild panic. Eyewitnesses said the *bomb* a *small* crater in the motorway embankment outside the centre. The attackers sped off after throwing a special bomb, which failed to explode.

A British spokesman said Mrs Thatcher had been "aware of the bang". There have been *13 bomb attacks* in Luxembourg over the past year and thousands of police and troops are guarding the summit.

Mrs Thatcher arrived in Luxembourg in *what officials* described as positive mood, saying that Britain hoped for a "reasonable package" of reforms. A range of reform measures has been elaborated by preparatory meetings of foreign ministers over the past six *months*.

But yesterday the Prime Minister was losing patience at the way the summit appeared to be getting bogged down in *complex textual analysis* of the kind she felt ought to have been left to advisers ather than heads of government.

Britain remains opposed to changes to the Treaty of Rome unless they can be shown to enhance the EEC's efficiency. *Summit officials said* that in addition to disagreement on the internal market and the concept of a "Europe without frontiers" there was no progress on the proposed *harmonization* of EEC taxes, which Mrs Thatcher is resisting.

The officials emphasized that there was still time today to reach agreement. The *summit* was moving at a snail's pace, they said, but "perhaps a fast snail".

Italy remained in the forefront of those pressing for maximum reforms, with Denmark, under parliamentary pressure to retain the status quo, taking an even stronger "minimalist" line than Britain.

M Jacques Santer, the Luxembourg Prime Minister, said that to produce a mere facelift would be a masquerade. The summit host *seem* confident they have found enough common ground to avert the kind of disarray which undermined the Milan summit.

Herr Helmut Kohl, the West German Chancellor, yesterday moved significantly towards the French concept of Europe as an area without frontiers, a broad definition regarded with great suspicion by Mrs Thatcher as legally imprecise. The Prime *Minister* is demanding safeguards for Britain, fearing that open frontiers would endanger essential British controls over immigration, drugs, terrorism, and *animal, human,* and *plant* diseases.

British officials said other EEC states were beginning to accept that Britain and the Irish Republic constituted a special case because of their island status.

There is hope of agreement on a text laying down the principles of co-operation on European *foreign* policy, and the summit is expected to issue a statement welcoming the impetus given to arms talks by the Geneva superpower summit.

Officials said the recent UN vote on the Falklands, in which some of Britain's partners took Argentina's side, had not *clouded foreign* policy co-operation. Mrs Thatcher saw the episode as "water under the bridge", even though she had felt badly let down at the time.

West Germany also shifted its total opposition yesterday to enshrinement in the Treaty of *Rome of European monetary* cohesion, again leaving Britain isolated among the big three. Bonn has also softened its insistence on maintaining high *environmental and industrial* standards when trade barriers come down.

Mrs Thatcher taking tea at the summit table, flanked by Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary.

Jasmine tragedy 'began in court'

Jasmine Beckford, aged four, who was battered to death by her stepfather, was the victim of "*a predictable* and preventable homicide," according to the inquiry into her death, a *television report said last night*.

An official report, to be published today, blames almost everyone, from social workers to magistrates, who should *have kept the child safe*, Thames TV reported.

The report insists that, from now on, the child, not the parents, must come first, *Thames added*.

Details of the 305-page report, the result of an inquiry set up by Brent Council in north London in conjunction *with the Department of Health* and Social Security, were disclosed on Thames News.

It makes 68 recommendations, aimed at saving up to 50 children killed by their parents every year.

Thames said the report highlights lack of training an experience of Jasmine's social workers. She was in the care of Brent Council when she died in July last year.

They in turn were given far too little professional and *moral support from their* superiors.

The chain of events which led to the child's death began at Willesden Magistrates' Court, *the report says, according to* Thames TV.

It was doubtful whether Jasmine and her sister would have been returned to their parents *if a magistrate*, on September 9, 1981, had exercised appropriate judicial restraint *and not give in to the* temptation, in front of the family and lawyers, to say that we hoped the children would soon be reunited with their parents.

From that moment, Thames quoted the report as saying, *there was a lemming-like* movement towards the events which led to Jasmine's death.

It says that the only time in her short and distressing life that the child thrived and showed evident signs of happiness was during the seven months she was with foster parents, Mr Peter Probert and his wife, Gay, at Hillingdon, London.

But, Thames said, they are *also criticized by the report for* the way they behaved when Jasmine and her sister were taken back to their parents and for not denying incorrect press *statements about the* way *the* children were taken back.

The social services failed by providing infrequent visits from workers who were not sufficiently *trained or experienced*, the report says, according to Thames.

Jasmine's *stepfather*, Maurice Beckford, aged 25, was *jailed* for *10* years for manslaughter earlier this year. Jasmine's mother Beverly *Lorrington*, also aged 25, was sentenced to 18 months for wilful neglect and cruelty

Church defends report on cities

By Clifford Longley
Religious Affairs Correspondent

The Church of England *moved quickly yesterday* to defend its controversial report on inner-city areas from *identified and anonymous attacks* from the government side, *including the reported remarks* from ministerial sources that it was a "Marxist document".

The church's commission had found that the total flow of *government resources into such* areas had fallen, Sir Richard O'Brien, chairman of the *commission*, said.

"No one in their right mind would ever classify me as a Marxist," the former chairman of the Manpower Services Commission and of the engineering Industry Training Board added.

In an interview he replied to the claim by Mr Kenneth Baker, Secretary of State for the Environment, that the Urban Programme had risen from £90 million to £340 million under the Conservatives, and support for voluntary movements from £100 millions to £600 million.

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Mr Baker said on BBC radio: "The policies we have been *following* have been to concentrate resources on the inner cities. What the report does not recognise is the amount of acitivity and support we have provided over the past few years."

Sir Richard said: "I believe that the Government are serious about the inner city problem. Of course I recognize that they have been making contributions to it.

"The *statistics* are there in the report, but I have to say that taking all factors into consideration, less money is flowing to the inner cities, than *was flowing*, in real terms, some time ago."

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MP says chairman of Lloyd's should quit after scandals

By Anthony Bevins, Political Correspondent

Mr Brian Sedgemore, the Labour *MP who is campaigning* for a City clean-up, last night called for the resignation of Mr Peter Miller, the chairman of the Lloyd's insurance market.

He said in a Commons motion that Mr Miller's resignation was the necessary first *step towards the restoration of* confidence in Lloyd's and he noted the "manifest" conflict of interest faced by Mr Miller "in the recent Lloyd's scandals".

In a separate Commons motion, the MP noted that 150 companies linked to the Peter *Cameron-Webb* (PCW) underwriting agency "were immersed in a web of tax evasion, dishonesty and fraud".

He also alleged that the *conduct of Sir Peter Green, the* former chairman of Lloyd's, "did not conform to the highest standards expected at Lloyd's".

The motion alleges that Mr Cameron-Webb, who is now trading openly on the Miami insurance exchange, had personally benefited to the tune of £6.5 million "from the dishonesty and fraud of which the names at Lloyd's have been the victims."

Mr Peter Dixon, who was managing director of PCW, was alleged to have received £8.4 million.

In the Commons yesterday, *Sir Patrick Mayhew, the Solicitor General*, confirmed yesterday's report in *The Times* that Lloyd's had failed to disclose to the Director of Public Prosecutions "transcripts of their disciplinary proceedings".

He told Mr Merlyn Rees, the *former Home Secretary*, that Lloyd's were governed by their own by-laws, that the DPP was "in renewed discussion" with Lloyd's in an attempt to get the *evidence, but that he might* have to resort to powers under *the Police and Criminal Evidence* Act which comes into force on January 1.

It is understood that Lloyd's are saying that they cannot hand over the evidence until charges are brought. The DPP requires admissible evidence before he can bring charges.

Mr Sedgemore, MP for Hackney South and Shoreditch, said in one of last night's motions that the council of Lloyd's should "stop succouring crime by refusing to hand over its internal inquiry reports to the DPP".

He also called on the DPP to ensure that no person involved in the investigation was a *freemason*, "in view of the fact that there are three masonic lodges at Lloyd's – the Lutine of which Green and Miller are members, Fidentia and Lloyd's".

But his allegations of conflict of interest are bound to *heighten government concern* for the international standing of the Lloyd's market.

One motion accepted the view of this year's Price Waterhouse report "that the 1984 offer made by Minet's, the parent company of the PCW syndicate, whereby the names gave up their legal rights, was unsound and takes the view that Peter Miller, himself a PCW name, set an appallingly bad example to others of how Lloyd's should be run by accepting the offer".

It was also *noted* that Mr Miller "carried out the broking for the lucrative *P* and *I* Club of which Peter Cameron-Webb and Sir Peter Green were lead *names*".

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Union bows to pressure on labour legislation

By David Felton
Labour Correspondent

Leaders of the Transport and General Workers Union, who *have been in the vanguard of* union opposition to the Government's labour laws, yesterday signalled their acquiescence to the legislation by *proposing changes to rules* governing executive elections.

A meeting in London of the TGWU executive decided to recommend the rule changes after a weekend of co-ordinated *criticism from government* ministers and indications that there was a strong likelihood the election system would be challenged in the courts.

The leadership called a one-day *rules revision conference* for December 17 to bring elections of executive members from the 14 individual trade groups within the law. Elections *for the 25 other executive* members, which are organized on a geographical basis, are now taking place having also attracted government criticism.

Under the trade group elec*tions, due to be held early in the* new year, the executive representative of each group is elected by national trade group committee, having gone *through regional committee* elections. The system has been criticized for leaving the way open for left wing manipulation.

Mr Ron Todd, the TGWU general secretary, said the executive's decision had been taken to avoid the union being "wounded" financially by chal-

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Popular poet Larkin dies aged 63

Philip Larkin, one of Britain's foremost poets, died *yesterday morning*, aged 63, at Nuffield hospital, Hull, where he had been admitted on Friday. He had been treated in intensive care for breathing *problems after a* throat operation five months ago, and it understood that on Friday further difficulties developed.

The poet who described himself as "looking like a balding salmon" only publied four volumes of poetry but was hugely successful. Six thousand copies of his last collection, *High Windows*, sold in three weeks in 1974. "I didn't give up poetry, poetry gave me up," he said.

Larkin, a Companion of Honour, worked for the past 30 years as librarians at Hull University.

Last night Peter *Levi*, Professor of Poetry at Oxford, said: "Philip was the greatest poet alive *in English* and will be terribly mourned. Everyone's weeping.

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Share trade suspended in Malaysia

The Malaysian Stock Exchange was *closed indefinitley* yesterday in response to fears that the closure of the Singapore Stock Exchange would provoke a wave of panic selling among shareholders of *Malaysian* stocks.

About 70 per cent of the shares publicly quoted in Malaysia and Singapore are common to both markets.

Fears that several leading Malaysian politicians might be implicated by the receivership of the Singapore-quoted Pan-Electric Industries, a *marine* and property development group, also contributed to the Malaysian Government's decision to suspend dealings.

A receiver was appointed at the weekend for Pan-Electric.

Stockbrokers and bankers in Singapore and *Malaysia* are afraid that the circumstances that brought about the downfall *of Pan-Electric* will lead to the collapse of some Sinaporean and Malaysian companies.

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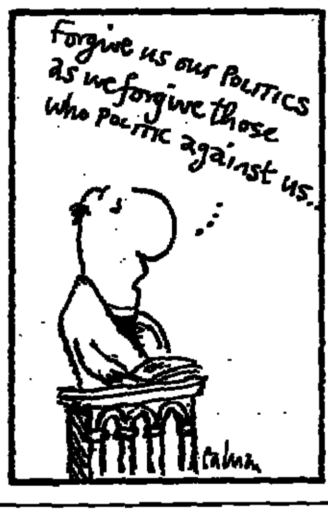

Forgive us our Politics as we forgive those who politic against us.
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£3.2bn bids for United Biscuits and Distillers

By *Graham Searjeant* Financial Editor

In an unprecedented day in the City, bids valued at a total of £3.2 billion were made for two of the most famous names in Britain's food and drinks *business*.

Distillers, the world's leading producer of Scotch whisky, swiftly rejected a £1.9 billion offer from Agyll, a food retailing *and drinks group run* by the Scottish businessman Mr James Gulliver, as being "wholly unwelcome and inadequate".

A £1.3 billion offer by the Imperial Group *for United* Biscuits was, in contrast, the result of a merger agreement *between the tobacco*, Courage beer and HP Sauce group and the maker of McVities biscuits and KP snacks.

Sir Hector Laing, the chair*man of United Biscuits*, will become chief executive of the merged group and eventually take over as chairman.

The takeover bid for Distil*lers is the biggest ever launched* in Britain. Although Distillers owns most of the most famous spirit brands, including Haig and Johnnie Walker whisky and Gordon's gin, it has been regarded as unadventurous in the City.

Argyll, though smaller and little known outside the City, *owns the Presto supermarket* chain and has grown rapidly.

The Imperial/United merger is seen as defensive as both companies have been the subject of takeover speculation from unfriendly sources.

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Rugby decision an 'anti apartheid victory'

By David Hands
Rugby Correspondent

Politicians and anti-apartheid *organizations* greeted with joy yesterday the decision by the South African Rugby Board (SARB) to withhold their invitation to the British Lions to tour next summer. It now seems *increasingly* unlikely that the Lions, selected from the four home countries, will *tour* anywhere next year.

A statement from the SARB office in Cape Town *yesterday* said: "It has been decided, in the interests of rugby football, *to withhold an invitation* to the British Lions to tour South Africa in 1986, *in order* that the *relations* with the four home rugby unions remain intact for the future. Efforts will be made to look after our players according to their abilities and brace ourselves internally for a bright future."

The organizers of the Commonwealth *Games in* Edinburgh next July were particularly relieved because of the *threat* of a boycott by black nations if the rugby tour had gone ahead. Geoff Hunter, the *secretary* of the Games organizing committee, said: "We are delighted that the tour is off. It means the last hurdle has been cleared and I can see no problems about a successful Games."

Dick Tracey, the Minister for Sport, welcoming the move, said: "It was a major concern that, if this tour had gone on, *some of the competing nations* might have withdrawn and reduced the point of the event."

The British and Irish anti-apartheid movements issued a joint statement deploring the failure of the four home *rugby* unions to cancel the tour themselves. None of the four had decided whether to *support* the tour. But the anti-apartheid movements welcomed the cancellation as "a great victory for the international campaign to isolate apartheid sport. We will now step up the campaign to stop all rugby links with South Africa *and to get* South Africa removed from the International Rugby Football Board".

***Rugby tours to South Africa* from Britain and Ireland began in 1891 and, despite growing controversy, the Lions continued their scheduled visits in *1968, 1974 and 1980*. Scotland, Wales and France all cancelled tours as individual nations *during the last decade but* Ireland toured there in 1981 and England in 1984. Now the only remaining international contact of any significance left to the Springboks is South America, notably Argentina.**

Micky Steele-Bodger, the former England international and chairman of the four home unions tours committee, said: "The four *home* unions will now take time to digest the decision and decide after *Christmas what, if anything, to* do. No alternative has been arranged."

John Lawrence, the committee secretary, said: "It may be that they [South Africa] wanted to save a rejection by the four home countries. Such a rejection might have marred relations between Britain and Ireland and South Africa.

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US questions acquittals in Aquino trial

Washington (Reuter) – The State Department yesterday *sharply questioned* the Manila court acquittal of the Philippines army chief of staff, General Fabian Ver, and 25 others in the murder of opposition leader Benigno Aquino.

A department spokesman said that the Agrava Commission, which he termed a "board of respected, independent-minded" Philippines citizens, *last year had* "refuted" the Philippines Government claim that Mr Aquino was killed by a *lone Communist* gunman, Rolando Galman.

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Westland likely to cut 750 jobs as Heseltine pushes rescue

About 750 jobs could be lost at Westland, *the helicopter* manufacturer, in a package of redundancies to be announced today.

Sir John Cuckrey, the Westland chairman, said last night the redundancies were because *of a lack of* orders.

Tass, the white-collar union, said it believed 750 jobs would go from plants in Yeovil, Weston-super-Mare, Milton Keynes and the Isle of Wight.

The redundancies, caused by a lack of orders for the rest of the decade before work begins on an Anglo-Italian helicopter, come as Westland is discussing a 30 per cent share takeover from a US manufacturer, Sikorsky.

Mr Michael Heseltine, Secretary of State for Defence, is pushing a proposed European rescue package aimed at stopping the American company gaining a foothold in the European market.

Unions are angry that the redundancies coincide with a proposed rescue package.

Mr Chris Darke, Tass national organizer, said: "This is totally unnecessary. If the Government can intervene to set up a collaborative deal they should intervene to save these jobs. This is not a smokestack industry: It is a high tech industry, supposedly the salvation of our manufacturing base."

● Defence ministers and officials, who were in Brussels last night for a routine Nato policy meeting, are to have futher talks about a possible regrouping of European helicopter manufacturing companies as part of an effort to save Westland (Rodney Cowton writes).

The subject was discussed in London on Friday at meetings between Mr Heseltine, and representatives of Messerschmitt-Bolkow-Blöhm of West Germany, Agusta of Italy and Aèrospatiale of France. This meeting was followed by another between the national armaments directors of the four countries.

Mr Heseltine, is understood to *have* met Sir John Cuckney and handed him a document outlining government attitudes.

Yesterday Westland confirmed it had received the document from Mr Heseltine, but said: "It should be remembered that Westland is an independent private sector company while its European counterparts are state-owned

It is clear that Westland is not enthusiastic about the possi*bility of being involved in* a large European grouping of helicopter interests, and it emphasized that "we are currently far advanced in negotiations in pursuit of our publicly declared intention to seek strong international links which will include a European party".

● Fiat remains quiet about its possible intervention in the rescue of Westland which could *provide the key to the problem* (Peter Nichols writes from Rome).

Spokesman at Fiat yesterday were neither confirming nor denying reports that they and Sikorski together were seeking a 29.9 per cent holding in Westland.

Kinnock attacks British Gas sale

From Richard Evans
Newcastle

Mr Neil Kinnock, the Labour Party leader, last night condemned the Government's plan to privatize British Gas as "fruit-machine economics" that would bring a new threat to jobs and standards of service.

"It isn't just a sell off, it's a sell-out. It isn't new enterprise, it's national assets at cut prices to financial institutions and multi-nationals", he told Labour supporters at a Tyne Bridge by election rally.

In a wide-ranging and impassioned attack on the Government's privatization programme, "the Sale of the Century", the Labour leader said that when it was nationalized in 1949 the gas industry was a "shambles of under-investment, primitive technology, dirt and danger.

"It was rescued for the nation *by public ownership and made* fit for modern needs by the planning and the economics which made that possible", he added.

"Now it is a high employment, high investment, high technology, high efficiency industry responsible to national and industrial needs, sensitive to consumer and community interests."

Councillor David Clellan with Mr and Mrs Kinnock at Tyne Bridge yesterday.

Yet the Government was going to a trust a profit-making public service which provided £1,000 million a year income for the taxpayer "to the tender *mercies of a financial system* which is currently riddled with scandals and shady deals".

Earlier in his day of campaigning, Mr Kinnock accused the Government of deliberately leaking the controversial Church of *England* report on Britain's inner cities in order to undermine it with a propaganda barrage.

For a Cabinet minister to have described the report as Marxist was "preposterous". The Church of England publication was a "serious and thorough analysis" of what was wrong in Britain's inner cities, he said.

Armed with a copy of the report, *Faith in the City*, Mr Kinnock said its proposals for rectifying the "immense" problems which existed in inner *cities, were sensible and rational* and contained a great deal of compassion.

Mr Simon Hughes, Liberal MP for Bermondsey, who was also campaigning in the by-election yesterday, said the SDP/Liberal Alliance is planning to break up the massive Department of Environment into three *separate* ministries, with top priority going to housing and construction, if it has a voce in Government after the next General Election.

Instead of the existing "mega department", set up during the Heath government, there would be three ministries of equal size concentrating on housing and construction, devolution and regional affairs, and genuine environmental issues such as pollution control and urban and rural renewal.

● Mr David Steel, the Liberal leader, last night accused the Conservatives of trying to shout the Church down because they feared its mesasage that housing stock was rotten, and that hopelessness would grow unless the Government changed its social policies (Our Political *Editor writes). Speaking at the* byelection, Mr Steel said the Government's behaviour in leaking, misrepresenting and attacking the report had been disgraceful.

MPs scale down claims onimmigrant wives

By George Hill

A committee of MPs investigating immigration have sharply scaled down claims they made last week about the number of polygamous second wives from Bangladesh applying to join their husbands in Britain. Last week members of the committee reported them on a recent fact-finding tour of the Indian subcontinent they were told that up to a quarter of wives applying were second wives, many accompanied by several children.

"We have now received the most recent figures, and between January and August 1985 15 per cent of applications fell into the "other wives" category, and this would include marriages where the first marriage has ceased through divorce or death", Mr John Wheeler, chairman of the committee and Conservative MP for Westminster North, said last night at a meeting to hear evidence from the Joint Council for the Welfare of Immigrants.

Muslims resident in Britain would only have the right to be *joined by a second wife if they* could show that they could support both wives, and were in the diminishing category who had retained a domicile in Bangladesh as well as in Britain.

Radiation pills given to workers

By Thomson Prentice
Science Correspondent

Five hundred workers at a nuclear power station have *been given anti-radiation pills* in an unprecedented safety move after a leak of radioactive gas.

The pills were issued to staff at the Hinkley Point B station near Bridgwater, Somerset, after eight tons of cooling gas escaped during maintenance work last Thursday.

The tablets of potassium iodate are designed to protect the human thyroid gland from *radioactive iodine. Stocks of* the medication are kept in reserve at all nuclear power stations run by the Central Electricity Generating Board in case of emergency.

The Board confirmed yesterday that the pills has been issued, but a spokesman would not comment on reports that some staff suffered vomiting fits after taking them.

"Safety regulations state that in an incident of this sort, two tablets must be issued to anyone on site," the spokesman said. "But this is a precautionary measure and does not mean there was any radioactive danger, and there was no reason to issue them to the public."

Confidential instructions issued to general practitioners near CEGB nuclear power statons allow for the pills to be given to the local population in the event of radioactive escape.

Two tablets were issued to all staff at the station last Friday, although only those in the reactor hall, where the leak occurred, were evacuated.

***Eight tons of radioactive* carbon dioxide were released accidentally into the atmosphere after a fracture in the cooling system on the advanced gas-cooled reactor.**

Mr Paddy Ashdown, Liberal MP for Yeovil, *visited* the station on a pre-arranged appointment yesterday. He said he would be seeking an official evaluation of the seriousness of the leakages.

The amount of radioactivity which escaped was described as "insignificant" by the board on Friday. Another 15 tons of carbon dioxide which also escaped had been effectively filtered, the board said.

***The board* has been anxious to play down the incident. "It is an over-simplification to conclude that this was the most serious incident of its kind on the basis that the pills issued to staff had not been issued before," *the spokesman said.* "Nobody was hurt or injured and no real damage was done."**

Thatcher 'blow to extremism'

By Anthony Bevins, Political Correspondent

The firm resolve of Mrs Margaret Thatcher is killing off extremism in British politics, Mr John Biffen, Leader of the Commons, said last night.

In a speech intended to mark the underlying political moder*ation of the Conservative Party* for the next election, Mr Biffen said: "After six years or so of Conservative government we now have the enviable situation where militancy does not intimidate its way to success. The whitened bones of Scargill will soon be joined by those of Hatton."

Mr Biffen said in London that the Conservative record contrasted sharply with the record of Mr James Callaghan, whose wheeling and dealing with the unions and the Liberals, he said, had stimulated intolerant union action

But having taken the credit for helping Mr Neil Kinnock to take on the extremists within his own party, by refusing to *give way to Liverpool's Militants*, Mr Biffen issued a warning against any return to the politics of Wilson or Callaghan.

"The firm economic resolve of the Prime Minister and her colleagues does not encourage political extremism. It combats it. That extremism flourishes where political authority is compromising or uncertain."

● Mr Eric Heffer, Labour MP for Liverpool Walton, complained yesterday that Labour Party members in Liverpool were being tried, found guilty and sentenced even before the investigation has been held into the Militant-controlled Liverpool district party (our Political Editor writes).

Mr Heffer, who was one of five members of Labour's national executive to vote against the decision last week to investigate and suspend the district party, wrote to Mr Larry Whitty, the general secretary, asking him to deny weekend newspaper reports about the conduct of the investigation.

These included reports that hearings in Liverpool would be in "safe houses" to ensure privacy for complainants.

Government rejects plea on output

By Philip Webster, Political Reporter

The Government yesterday rejected the central finding of a highly critical parliamentary report suggesting that Britain faces a political, economic and social crisis unless urgent steps are taken to halt the decline in manfacturing industry.

On the eve of today's Lords debate on the report published in October by the all-party *Lords select committee on* overseas trade, the Government said the committee had paid insufficient attention to policy changes under the Government, given insufficient weight to the sustained recovery of the economy and overstated the likely speed of the decline in North Sea oil production.

And it rejected the committee's call for increased assistance to manufacturing to boost exports. The decline in the oil surplus could reduce the "real exchange rate" and help exports, and manufacturing could help itself by tight control of unit labour costs, the Government said.

Increased subsidies to manufacturing implied an increased tax burden on the rest of the economy; attempts to promote manufacturing would be at the expense of other sectors.

The committee was headed by Lord Aldington, chairman of Sun Alliance, and consisted of some of Britain's most eminent industrialists. On the day it reported Mr Leon Brittan, Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, delivered what was seen as a pre-emptive strike by issuing an immediate response urging that it be put in perspective.

The Government stated yesterday *that while it was not* complacent about the future of manufacturing industry it did not accept the committee's call for greater discrimination in favour of manufacturing.

The logical conclusion of the committee's analysis was that economic policy should aim to increase the competitiveness of the whole economy, not just one sector.

The thrust of government policy since 1979 had been designed to reverse the long standing deterioration in competitiveness and to create conditions in which enterprise and initiative could flourish. Referring to the reduction in inflation, reform of the unions, improvement of incentives, removal of legislative and administrative burdens and steps to encourage the growth of venture capital, *the* Government said the recovery of the economy was evidence of the beneficial effects these policy changes were having.

It said that although manufacturing output fell at the start of the decade, there had since been steady growth. Compared with their troughs in 1981-82 manufacturing output had risen by 11 per cent, manufacturing investment by 25 per cent, *productivity by 31 per cent and* the volume of manufactured outputs had reached a record level.

The Government accused the committee of inconsistency over the influence of the oil surplus on the trade balance in manufactures.

It had accepted that oil had contributed to manufacturing trade deficit, but at the same time argued it was making the *deficit.*

RUC chief in Dublin for security talks

From Richard Ford, Belfast

The first results of the Anglo-Irish agreement occurred yesterday when the leaders of Ireland's two police forces met in Dublin to end a rift lasting almost three years.

Sir John Hermon, Chief Constable of the Royal Ulster Constabulary, and Mr Lawrence Wren, Commissioner of the Garda, held talks lasting four hours aimed at improving cross-border security co-operation in the fight against terrorism.

The meeting at *Garda* headquarters in Phoenix Park included lunch and was described by one source as "professional, business-like and cordial".

Sir John was flown to Dublin in a British Army aircraft and driven under tight security in an unmarked blue Garda patrol car to the meeting. The two men were seen walking through the grounds of the headquarters *chatting animatedly and shaking* hands, when they left with Mr Wren giving Sir John a friendly pat on the arm.

Sir John had with him the results of studies and proposals for improving co-operation between the two forces and intensifying the campaign of attrition against terrorists. Improved co-operation is wanted not only in the battle against the Provisional IRA and the Irish National Liberation Army, but also to prevent the possibility of attacks in the Irish Republic by "loyalist" paramilitaries.

Neither force was prepared to give details apart from issuing a brief statement confirming that the long-awaited meeting between the two men, known to be strict disciplinarians with similar personalities, had taken *place and that security matters* were discussed. The Anglo-Irish agreement envisages both men setting in motion a programme of better liaison and co-operation.

The meeting was criticized by unionist politicians, who alleged the pair had been ordered to meet by their respective governments. Mr James Molyneaux, the Official Unionist party leader, said that Sir John had been "*bidden to visit his* masters in Dublin" and that political control of the RUC had now been reinstated.

● Dominic McGlinchey, the former INLA leader, was released from prison for three and a half hours yesterday to attend a funeral service for his daughter, aged 15 months.

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Servicemen shun trial inquiry

The Eight Servicemen who were acquitted of spying chatges at the Central Criminal Court last month after a four-month trial costing £4.5 million will not take part in the inquiry, their counsel told the inquiry into the affair yesterday.

Mr John Alliott said: "The men have nothing to add to the evidence given by them or on their behalf during the pre-trial and the trial. They have nothing to add through themselves or through counsel

The inquiry into whether unlawful interrogation procedures were used to extract confessions of spying from eight British servicemen in Cyprus was adjourned for a week.

At a brief hearing Mr Igor Judge, QC, counsel to the inquiry, said it was "not practicable" to begin proceedings until December 9.

Mr Robin Grey, counsel for the RAF and Army interrogators involved in the case, expressed concern that they might have to face repeated cross-examination on matters already dealt with at the trial

Man questioned on theft of cup yacht keel plans

By Robin Young

A man was released on bail last night after 24 hours helping police with enquiries into an attempt to sell the revolutionary keel design of a British challenger for the America's Cup to the New York Yacht Club for £18,000. No charges have been laid aginst Anthony John Brown, aged 27, of Port Isaac, Cornwall, who has been bailed to appear at Plymouth's Charles Cross police station in six weeks. Meanwhile a report on the affair is being studied by Devon's prosecuting solcitor to see whether any criminal offence was committed.

The attempted sale of the keel plans was revealed by Mr Tom Ehman, director of the United States syndicate which will be competing in the next *America's Cup eliminations* series in Perth, Western Australia. According to the organizers of the British challenge, the offer to sell details of the design for $US25,000 was supported with a phot-copy of the keel-plate.

A police constable posing as a United States agent for the syndicate kept a redezvous on Plymouth's Mayflower steps on Sunday afternoon with a man who was later arrested.

Mr Andrew Spedding, operations manager for the British syndicate, said yesterday that the United States action in promptly telling their British rivals of an approach was "extremely sporting". Mr David Arnold, chairman of the British challenge and rear-commodore of the Royal Thames Yacht Club, praised the honesty and integrity of the United States team.

Mr Rick de Voss, chairman of the US syndicate, said: "We feel strongly that this sort of thing cannot be tolerated

The British yacht, the first of two to be built for the 1987 Cup races, is to be named by the Princess of Wales on the Solent *tomorrow. Its keel was made at* Irons Brothers foundry, Wadebridge, Cornwall.

Mr Henry Irons, the managing director, said: "We are very conscious of the secrecy surrounding keels of this nature. The designs were *kept* under lock and key at all times. We are ashamed and disgusted that someone must have removed and copied them."

Concordes in seventh mishap

Another British Airways Concorde had technical trouble yesterday, *the seventh in less* than a month.

After leaving Heathrow for New York at 10.45 am with 73 people the aircraft had to turn back over the Irish Sea when a pressurization control valve failed. The *valve was replaced* at Heathrow and the aircraft took off again at 13.45.

BA Concordes suffered six unconnected mishaps last month, including two burst tyres and an engine hit by birds.

"*In the nature of things*, all aircraft types throw up problems, and since our small Concorde fleet is highly visible, it tends to hit the headlines", an airline spokesman said.

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An artist's impression of the planned bridge.

Thames bridge jobs promise

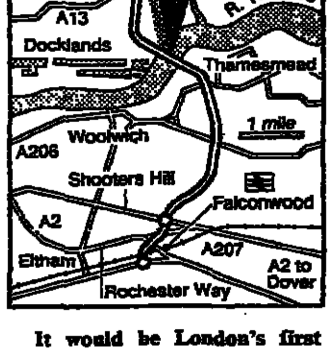
By Michael Baily
Transport Editor

***London's new bridge* across the Thames, the proposed East London River Crossing near the Docklands, would create up to 40,000 jobs in depressed East London, according to a report out yesterday.**

The £168m bridge – *proposed* by the Government and strongly opposed by the Greater London Council at a current public inquiry – would revitalise London's depressed East End and provide a draw for business and industrial development away from the highly attractive M25 motorway further out, a study by the British Road Federation states.

New roads on either side would link the A13 London to Southend road north of the Thames at Barking with the A2 London to Dover road south of the river in Bexley, and would provide a fast extension of London's North Circular Road to the Docklands and the Thames.

Proposed East London river crossing



It would be London's first new river crossing since the Twickenham and Chiswick bridges 60 years ago, and would redress the present imbalance between the east and west sides of London.

The new crossing is planned to be completed by about 1991-1992. It is opposed not only by the GLC (on anti-road and public transport grounds) but also by Greenwich which fears environmental disruption. But boroughs north of the Thames are strongly in favour of what they see as a massive job generator in areas with 86,000 unemployed, double London's average.

By providing a fast link between East London and the A1 and M1 (about 40 minutes compared with 60 to 90 minutes now), the new link will primarily serve London itself unlike the M25, road experts said yesterday.

Without such improvements, the decline in depressed East London could be accelerated by the attractions of the M25 as a site for regional shopping centres and commercial and industrial development further out.

As a result of East London's decline, there is three times the amount of vacant land for development in a corridor along the new link as in London generally, the BRF study says.

Christmas blackout fear on ITV

Barrie Clement
Labour Reporter

Electricians may take action *to black Christmas programmes* on ITV in a dispute over night work and short-term contracts.

Leaders of 850 electricians employed by 16 independent companies will meet on Thursday to plan their strategy after a substantial vote to strike in a ballot.

The Electrical, Electronic, Telecommunication and Plumbing Union is protesting against management's insistence on the possibility of rostered night shifts.

Union members now work up to 1am on normal rosters, but if they continue past that hour, they receive a set number of hours' overtime whether they work them or not. A new system would mean less money, electricians believe.

The Independent Television Companies Association argues that the clause allowing for scheduled night working has been part of the agreement but not used. The association says it would negotiate a new set of rates if it were introduced.

The union contends that such a provision has been "negotiated out" of the agreement and that in any case it applied only to members of the Entertainment Trades Alliance. The controversy has arisen because of the separation of the alliance deal from the electricians' agreement.

Mr John Calvert, director of industrial relations for the companies, said yesterday that the threat of industrial action was not a reason for management to reconsider its position.

If the electricians walked out, programme transmissions would depend on other unions' willingness to cross picket lines and to work with managers carrying out the strikers' jobs.

Stonehenge festival to go ahead

Organizers of the Stonehenge festival of pop music and pagan religion said yesterday that next year's event for up to 100,000 people would definitely go ahead although no land had yet been found for it (Our Environment Correspondent writes).

They said after a meeting in London with English Heritage, the quango that owns the land in which the stones stand, that 250,000 stickers about next year's celebrations of the summer solstice were already being distributed.

This year's gathering was marred by violent clashes with police after the traditional mass ceremony at the monument had been banned. English Heritage has decided to continue the ban, but has agreed to let about 1,000 celebrants in on the night while finding a field near-by for the rest.

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Girls of 13, in terrifying rape and stabbing gave key clues to attacker

By Michael Horsnell

Two girls aged 13, one with a severed jugular vein and the other stabbed through the heart after a horrifying ordeal, struggled 120 yards to a road where a motorist stopped and took them to a police station.

They had been left for dead in a Norfolk wood by a man who kidnapped them, then raped one of them and stabbed both with an antique sword. The girls were abducted while riding their bicycles during the holidays last summer.

Yesterday Terence Pocock, aged 39, a father of three children, from Stetchworth, near Newmarket, Suffolk, was jailed for life at Norwich Crown Court. He pleaded guilty to two charges of attempted murder, two of kidnapping, one of rape and one of indecent assault.

He received five terms of life imprisonment and two years for the indecent assault, to run concurrently.

The police later disclosed that detective work by a woman officer who had previously interviewed Pocock about alleged indecency and who recognized the girls' description of their assailant, helped lead to his arrest within 36 hours.

The judge praised staff at West Suffolk Hospital and the police as well as the girls for their courage.

The girls, who were critically ill in hospital for several days, were praised by the police for their courage. They feigned death after Pocock, a self-employed heating engineer, had run the sword through their bodies into the ground and they lay face down in the wood. Then, before they underwent operations in hospital, they gave a comprehensive description of their tattooed attacker.

Mr David Stokes, for the prosecution, said that the girls, from a village in Cambridgeshire, had gone for a bicycle ride on a fine, sunny day, July 23, after their school term had ended.

After buying sweets and telling their parents their plans, they set out on a round trip to the Gog Magog Hills, south of Cambridge, a route well known to one of the girls.

'They thought he was going to play a game'

At about 3.30pm they turned into an area of thick woodland and were pushing their bicycles when they suddenly became aware of a man approaching them and carrying a sword. He was sweeping the weapon in front of him and as he came closer they thought he was going to play a game with them.

But the man, whom they took to be a farmer, told them they were trespassing and that he would take them to the police station.

Then he told them to lie on the ground and pointed the sword at them and said: "If you don't you will get this through you".

After sticking the sword into the ground, he ordered them to remove their underpants and to roll on to their fronts if they did not want to be hurt. He tied their hands behind their backs. He wheeled their bicycles further into the woodland then led them through undergrowth to a footpath.

After stuffing their underpants into their mouths he led them to his car, an old rusty Volvo, and pushed them into the back covering them with a blanket. When asked how old they were, the girls said they were 10 because they thought he might not interfere with them. The car was driven to a rural area near the village of Bartlow, Cambridgeshire. During the journey the girls managed to spit out their underpants.

Pocock drove them into thick undergrowth and said he was not going to hurt or touch them but the girls saw his hands were shaking and did not believe him.

Mr Stokes said: "He said he didn't know what to do with them, but that if they were older he would know what to do and the younger girl understood." He asked for further details, names, ages, and addresses. The girls repeated they were 10 and the defendant wrote the details down on a piece of paper.

The terrified children refused an offer of drinks and peppermints and then Pocock produced a black briefcase from his car in which were several pornographic magazines which he insisted they look at and asked if they could do some of the things shown in the pictures.

Pocock ordered them to remove their clothes and then pretended to take indecent photographs before beginning to assault them indecently. Then he raped the younger of the two.

Pocock, who was described by girls

The second stage of their ordeal occurred after Pocock, who the court was told, had a history of violence and minor sexual crimes, ordered them to dress and then drove more than 100 miles to Emily's Wood, part of Thetford Forest, near Weeting, Norfolk. After stopping the car, he said he was going to see if their bicycles were still there although the girls knew they were nowhere near home.

Early that evening, he placed a blanket over the older girl's head and took her away. The younger girl heard her friend scream and then there was silence. The older girl remembers being taken into the wood and feeling a stab to her back which caused her tremendous pain.

Mr Stokes said: "It went straight through her body, penetrating the lower lobe of the left lung and the heart. It was accurate and it was meant to kill. Then, having left her for dead, he came back for the younger girl. He took her into the wood, a coat over her head, and as they got to the spot where the other girl was lying he pushed her down to the ground and she saw her friend lying there still and apparently dead. She fell to the ground and felt a stabbing into her back which went right through her and stuck into the ground."

Her jugular vein was severed in the left side as the sword passed between her gullet and windpipe. She was also stabbed in the chest and abdomen.

Sensing her assailant was still there, the younger girl pretended to be dead and he left.

Despite those grievous injuries she behaved with tremendous courage and presence of mind. She felt as if she wanted to go to sleep and there is little doubt that if she had neither of them would have survived", Mr Stokes said.

"She first thought her friend was dead. She got up, went to a branch, broke off two bits of wood to fashion as a crutch. Then the other girl spoke to her."

Using the makeshift crutch and linking arms, the two girls struggled 120 yards to a road where a passer-by stopped. He drove them to Mundford police station in Norfolk.

The girls were slipping in and out of consciousness and were taken to West Suffolk Hospital, Bury St Edmunds, where they gave comprehensive details of their assailant.

These included a green/blue heart-shaped tattoo on one arm with the words Ian amd Martin, the names of his sons, and the word "Love" tattooed on the fingers of one hand.

They gave details to the motorist who rescued them, to an ambulance driver and to the police. After consulting Papworth Hospital, Mr Michael McBrien, a consultant surgeon, was able to save their lives.

He said later of the girl with the punctured heart: "I was amazed she had survived because by the normal rules she should have been dead."

The older girl, who spent seven days in intensive care, still has a hole in her heart. The younger girl with the severed jugular, who Mr Mc'Brien said was lucky to survive, had escaped rupture of blood vessels to her brain by good fortune. Another possibly fatal blow had been deflected by a rib.

Mr Stokes said: "The psychological effect of these horrific injuries are incalculable."

After leaving the girls for dead, Pocock drove home where he washed his bloodstained clothing. He had washed the sword blade in a dike at Barton Mills, Suffolk, the spot where the body of Leoni Keating was found on September 17.

When questioned at his home on July 25, Pocock denied the offences. It was then that police found pornographic material, the sword, bayonets and other weapons concealed in the loft at his home in Coopers Close, Stetchworth, along with his briefcase.

Killing attempt was 'only way out'

He was driven to the scene of the abduction and admitted he had been there but claimed it was to take photographs of courting couples. After further questioning, police showed him a document in which the younger girl described her assailant. Pocock, who is separated from his second wife, read it and after several minutes said: "That's me. I don't think I should say anything else."

Asked if he had left the girls for dead, he said: "Yes, it seemed the only way out. It had gone too far."

Mr Adrian Whitfield, QC, for the defence, said that there was nothing he could say which could mitigate the horror of the case except that the defendant blames nobody but himself, offers no excuses, and now feels remorse.

Mr Justice Staughton told Pocock: "These offences constitute the most serious attack I have ever heard of."

Ian Botham and his daughter Rebecca after his walk

Botham's honour lap

Ian Botham, the cricketer, yesterday did a 12-mile "lap of honour" in London after his marathon charity walk. He said he was "absolutely delighted" with the response of the public.

But he criticized the many big companies who failed to support his walk from John O'Groats to Land's End for the Leukaemia Research Fund.

Speaking after the walk through London, Botham, aged 30, said: "It's their conscience, not mine." He was cuddling his daughter, Rebecca, aged three weeks, who was pushed along yesterday in her perambulator.

Botham raised more than £400,000 on his 880-mile walks. He said it was too soon to say how much had been raised on yesterday's final lap. Office workers leaned out of windows all along the route to catch a glimpse of the Somerset all-rounder.

Butter and margarine sales fall

By John Young
Agriculture Correspondent

Home consumption of both butter and margarine is continuing to decline, according to the latest quarterly food survey published by the Ministry of Agriculture, Fiisheries and Food.

In the third quarter of this year butter consumption was down to 2.61 oz a person a week, compared with 2.81 oz a year earlier, and margarine was down from 3.76 oz to 3.64 oz.

A fall in sales of full cream milk, from 5.53 oz to 3.3 oz a person was slightly compensated for but increased demand for skimmed and other low fat milk, from 0.74 to 0.85 oz.

By far the most striking change, as reported in *The Times* on Monday, is a sharp rise in the consumption of fresh red meat after a long period of decline. Beef and veal were up by nearly 8 per cent from 5.54 to 5.97 oz, mutton and lamb by 16 per cent, from 3.41 to 3.95 oz, and pork by 23 per cent, from 3.04 to 3.74 oz.

Fresh and canned fish were both down slightly from 2.58 to 2.57 oz and from 0.79 to 0.74 oz respectively, but frozen and packeted fish products were up from 1.47 to 1.65 oz.

We ate less sugar and preserves but, with the exception of apples, more fresh fruit, Potato consumption was up from 36.07 oz to 39.4 oz a person a week.

Brixton man faces gun trial

Michael Groce, whose mother was shot by police in an incident which started the riot in Brixton, south London, in September, was at Horseferry Road Magistrates court yesterday sent on £2,000 bail for trial at Southwark Crown Court on amended shotgun charges.

Mr Groce, aged 22, unemployed, is charged on two counts of having a shotgun without a firearms certificate at his girl friend's flat in Stamford Street, Waterloo.

Water boards will chase millions due on hoses and pools

By Hugh Clayton, Environment Correspondent

Householders in England face a determined drive by water authorities to recover millions of pounds lost through failure to pay extra rates charged for using garden hoses and swimming pools.

The Wessex Water Authority, whose area stretches from the Bristol Channel to Bournemouth, said yesterday: "We have got potentially £2 million outstanding, and we are going after it vigorously".

Thames Water, largest of the nine authorities that supply most of England's purified water, has calculated on the basis of a pilot scheme in reading, Berkshire, that it loses at least £1 million a year through failure to pay annual equipment charges ranging from £3.70 for a small swimming pool to £19.30 for a garden sprinkler.

Mr Ken West, managing director of the Thames authority, said that the loss could be as high as £5 million. All water bills stated that the charges were due, and next year an extra reminder would be sent to the authority's 10 million customers.

The amount recovered in the Reading scheme has already made a small contribution to the massive increase in profits that has enabled Thames to increase rates at a far lower rate than other authorities.

The Anglian Water Authority, which covers much of eastern England, uses patrol vans to check on equipment such as hoses which use a lot of water. The authority's latest "sprinkler survey" cost £170,000 and has yielded £500,000 in revenue from people who had failed to pay. That had enabled it to peg its annual £18 sprinkler charge for a second year.

"It is unknown for us to get phone calls from people saying, 'I pay for mine, but my neighbour doesn't pay'," a spokesman for the authority said.

Wessex Water said it used patrols to check on the use of sprinklers, for which it charged an extra £22 a year.

The recovery drive is part of an efficiency campaign by authorities forced by government financial policies to raise charges by more than the rate of the cost of living increase.

WATER RATE RISES (%)

	This year	1985 estimate
Anglian Auth	12.4	7-11
Northumb	6.8	4-5
North-West	14	13
Severn-Trent	12	none yet
South-West	11	6 6-7
Thames	10	3
Welsh	11	9-10
Wessex	11.4	8-12
Yorks	10.6	double inflation rate

Suicidal gamblers

Five youths who got into serious debt feeding their addiction to "space invader" games at an amusement arcade, tried to kill themselves, and finally turned in despair to the Samaritans for help (Craig Seton writes).

The attempted suicides were disclosed yesterday in the annual report of the Cheltenham and district Samaritans, one of the organization's 180 branches which last year received 2.5 million calls for help from suicidal, lonely, and despairing people.

Mr John Lewis, the Cheltenham's Samaritans' director, said of the five unidentified youths, aged 17 and 18: "They were spending money they had borrowed, in some cases as much as £100 a week, on their gambling addiction, and they took an overdose when they could not get out of debt."

Mycock witness claims pressure by reporters

The woman at the centre of the Anthony Mycock case claimed in the Court of Appeal yesterday that she had been pressured by two BBC television reporters to change her story or they would reveal that she was a lesbian.

Miss Anne Fitzpatrick, aged 31, whose evidence led to Mycock, aged 32, being sent to prison for five years, said on the BBC's *Rough Justice* programme in October that her account of a robbery and attack was a "figment of my imagination".

Miss Anne Fitzpatrick in London yesterday

But after flying from her Californian home to the appeal hearing, Miss Fitzpatrick told the judges yesterday that the reporters had forced her to change her story.

She said that during an interview with the reporters, Martin Young and Peter Hill, at the Holiday Inn, in Laguna Hills, California, Hill had repeated in a furious temper: "There was no robbery. We will hear no other story."

She had gone to the hotel with her girl friend, Susan Rouke, but Mr Hill insisted Miss Rourke leave," otherwise she might be embarrassed". Both Mr Hill and Mr Young had "alluded" that they would publish in local newapapers that she and her girl friend were "gay".

"They said: 'If you go on tape it will be a nine-day wonder. Mycock will go back to court and be freed by Christmas'," Miss Fitzpatrick said.

They told her she would have nothing to worry about, she would not be extradited and the Manchester police were a "small time operation". She said Mr Hill told Miss Rourke her parents might be informed about their relationship.

She said she was also told she could be deported if she did not co-operate. "My knees shook. I didn't know what to do."

She said Miss Rourke turned to her and said: "Do it, go on film." Mr Hill told her the Manchester police had "screwed up a few times" on cases and "we're out to get them".

Earlier, Mr Jack Price, QC, for Mycock, told the Lord Chief Justice, Lord Lane, sitting with Mr Justice Russell and Mr Justice Taylor, that a consultant psychiatrist had been treating Miss Fitzpatrick for hysteria and depression 10 weeks before the alleged robbery. He said she also suffered from fantasies and exaggerations.

The hearing continues today.

Jarrett raid police lied to daughter

By Rupert Morris

Police admitted yesterday at the inquest on Mrs Cynthia Jarrett that the first thing one of them said on entering her house was a lie. It was during the subsequent police search that Mrs Jarrett died of heart failure, leading to the riot in Tottenham, north London.

Sergeant Mark Parsons, who led the search party, described at Hornsey Coroner's Court how he had used keys confiscated earlier from Floyd Jarrett, Mrs Jarrett's son, to enter the house after several knocks had gone unanswered.

When he was confronted in the hallway by Miss Patricia Jarrett, Mrs Jarrett's daughter, and asked how he had got in, Mr Parsons said: "The door was open."

Asked by the coroner, Dr David Paul, why he had lied, Sgt Parsons said: "I considered it prudent not to try to aggravate the situation."

Police Constable Chistopher Casey, one of the four policemen involved in the search told the court that his colleague, Sgt Parsons, had used the key of Floyd Jarrett to get into the house.

But Sgt Parsons told Miss Jarrett that the door was unlocked. "That was a downright lie, was not it?" Mr Geoffrey Robertson, counsel for Floyd Jarrett, asked.

"Yes sir," PC Casey said.

The hearing continues today.

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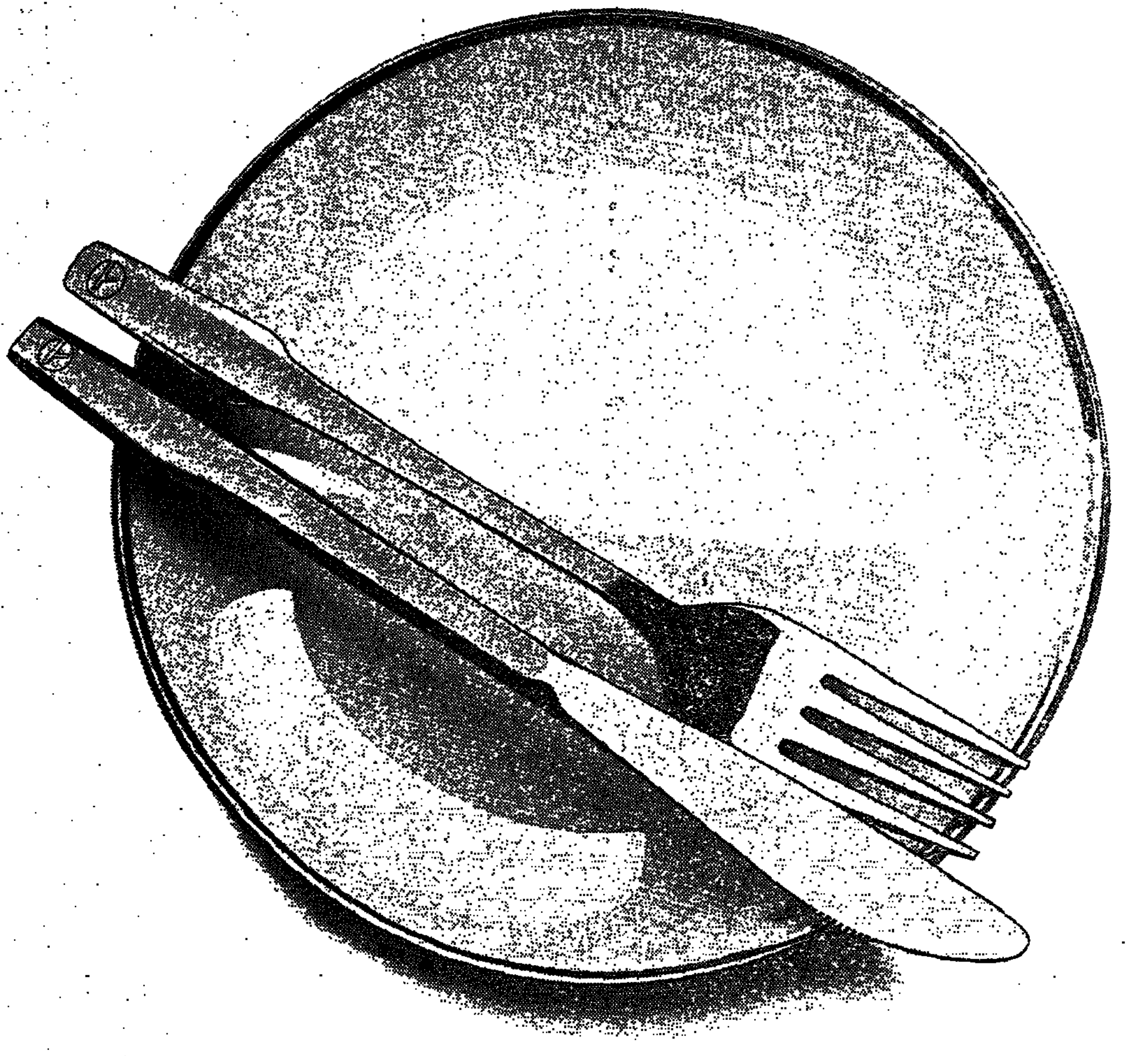

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DPP renews talks with Lloyd's on Webb documents

FRAUD CLAIMS

The strength of the new fraud investigation group of the Director of Public Prosecutions is seriously stretched and under review, **Sir Patrick Mayhew**, the Solicitor General, said during Commons question time.

He indicated that the resources with which the group could be strengthened were not a matter for him, but added amid laughter, that MPs would know where his hopes lay.

Mr Stephen Ross (Isle of Wight, L) had asked, in the light of the findings of the disciplinary committee at Lloyd's in the Peter Cameron Webb syndicate case, what steps were being taken to prosecute those involved.

Sir Patrick Mayhew replied that a strong fraud investigation group was vigorously engaged in seeking the required evidence, but any prosecution must be based on the evidence available and admissible in criminal proceedings in this country. Serious delay had been imposed by the location of certain evidence *in a foreign jurisdiction*. He hoped that that difficulty could be overcome.

Mr Ross said at least two of his constituents were likely to lose over £200,000 because of the activities of Peter Cameron Webb and his associates.

If it was possible for the Lloyd's disciplinary committee to adjudicate *in these cases and impose* substantial fines and penalties, why was it not possible for the DPP to get these guilty people before the courts?

Sir Patrick Mayhew said he sympathized with those who had lost as a result of the transactions with which the investigations were concerned.

But, in order to bring proceedings to a satisfactory and successful conclusion in the criminal jurisdiction of this country (he said), evidence has to be available in a *form which is admissible* in the proceedings and available from witnesses who are prepared to come, of resources does not rest exclusively with me.

Mr Bryan Gould (Dagenham, Lab) said the Solitor General was implying that the Lloyd's by-laws impinged on the obligation of *Lloyd's to disclose information* which might be relevant to the commission of criminal offences. If that was what he was saying, was not that final reaffirmation of the argument that Lloyd's could not be allowed to remain in that position for much longer?

Sir Patrick Mayhew: I do not think that conclusion is justified by the premise. There are difficulties as to the power of Lloyd's, as I understand the matter, to make available a transcript in circumstances in which criminal proceedings are not on foot.

The DPP may very well wish to see these transcripts as an aid to his investigation but he cannot, as yet, say that proceedings are on foot.

Mr Robert McCrindle (Brentwood and Ongar, C): Has he heard the proposition that even if there is a marginal risk that a prosecution might not succeed, the whole matter is of sufficient importance that perhaps some risk should be taken?

Sir Patrick Mayhew: Critics of the DPP are extremely versatile. On the one hand, the Director is criticized when a prosecution ends in acquital on the basis that the evidence could never have been sufficient.

On the other hand, he is criticized for not venturing prosecutions even though there is a less than 50 per cent chance. *The guideline laid* down by the Attorney General makes clear that there ought to be a better than 50 per cent chance.

Mr Nicholas Brown (Newcastle upon Tyne, East, Lab), an Opposition spokesman on legal affairs, said that 324 serious frauds had been reported in the United Kingdom in 1983 but only 37 had led to prosecution.

The allocation of only 16 senior legal assistants to the new investigation group in the public prosecution ervice to cover the entire *United Kingdom was inadequate* and gave the public the idea that the only act under which frauds would *be prosecuted would be the old pals'* act.

Gould: Position of Lloyd's must be changed

Sir Patrick Mayhew: I think the last joke deserved a bigger laugh than it got. (laughter).

The numbers awaiting trial on indictment for fraud were 26 in November 1984, and there are 77 today. The Principal Assistant Director drew attention to this in *The Times last Saturday and that* indicates sufficiently, I think, the Director's intention to prosecute fraud where sufficient admissible evidence is available and shows that *with the resources at present* available to him, he has been getting on with the job.

Mr Ivor Stanbrook (Orpington, C): In view of the seriousness of these and other cases, is he satisfied that the fraud investigation group has enough funds to continue its good work?

Sir Patrick Mayhew: When the group was set up it was resourced on a basis that was sufficient for its anticipated work load. These resources are now seriously stretched and are under review.

Mr Merlyn Rees (Leeds, South and Morley, Lab): Is the fraud investigation group big enough or has it the right resources?

Sir Patrick Mayhew: Lloyd's are governed by their own legislation in the form of by-laws. The DPP is in renewed discussion with Lloyd's as to what ways might be available by which they can make available transcripts of their disciplinary proceedings without infringing their obligations under their legislation.

The fact that the Police and Criminal Evidence Act comes into force in its material parts on January 1 1986 may very well be helpful.

Mr Hugh Dykes (Harrow, East, C): Can he reassure the House that logically as a result of what he has said, the staff of this vital department will be increased to deal adequately *with* the *growing* number of fraud cases?

Sir Patrick Mayhew: The question

Driving test weaknesses

Mr Michael Spicer, Under Secretary of State for Transport, turned ***down a proposal to allow "L" drivers*** **on to motorways.**

During questions in the Commons, Mr Richard Holt (Langbaurgh, C) said that anyone can ***take a course of driving lessons,*** **pass the test without having been allowed to drive on a motorway, and then drive the fastest car possible on a motorway as fast as possible, or tow a caravan or a horse trailer with two horses, creating mayhem at any time of the day or night.**

Is it not (he added) about time Mr Spicer took on board the need for training on motorways

Mr Spicer: The problem about doing what Mr Holt suggests and allowing "L" drivers on to motorways in preparation for a test would be that it would increase the hazards for the majority of users of motorways.

Postponing day of reckoning

LIVERPOOL

There was a heated clash in the Commons over the loan to help Liverpool City Council out of its financial troubles. Mr Kenneth Baker, Secretary of State for the Environment, told Mr Eric Heffer (Liverpool, Walton, Lab) ***that the*** **Government had been subjected** ***to*** **a campaign of blackmail.**

Mr Heffer called the Liberals "creeps", and Mr David Alton (Liverpool, Mossley Hill, L) attacked the source of the funding.

In a private notice question, Mr Alton had asked Mr Baker what discussions he had had with Liverpool City Council or their advisers about the ***financial*** **arrangements made by the city council for the rest of the current year.**

Mr Baker: I have consistently refused to have any discussions with Liverpool City Council. My officials have informed the city council and the commercial organizations concerned that deferred purchase arrangements undertaken by local authorities do not require Government approval, and that such arrangements carry no Government guarantee.

Mr Alton asked Mr Baker to confirm that the payment of nearly ***£30 million*** **in interest on the loan, when added to Liverpool's existing debt of £700 million, would not only mortgage Liverpool up to the hilt but would give it the dubious distinction** ***of becoming the district council with*** **the biggest council debt in Britain.**

What assurances had the council given to Phillips and Drew about balancing the city council books next year, especially in view of the comments by Tony Mulhearn, president of the unlamented and late district Labour party that the militants in Liverpool intended to plunge the city into chaos next year?

What questions had Mr Baker asked about the source of the funding which came via Swiss clearing banks, notoriously providers of some of the dirtiest money in the world?

In view of unanswered questions about the rate support grant and investment programmes Mr Baker should meet a delegation of leaders from all Liverpool parties.

Mr Baker said he had no standing in the matter of the relationship between Liverpool City Council and its financial advisers. This year's budget had only just been agreed, let along talking about next year's as Mr Alton had done. This was a matter for the council.

On the financial effects of the deal, the people of Liverpool had been bought a breathing space at ***great future cost which would start*** **in 1987-88.**

It is (he said) the old Socialist slogan: "Borrow, borrow, borrow now; pay, pay, pay later."

Mr Malcolm Thornton **(Crosby, C) said many people throughout Merseyside viewed this fudged agreement of the city council with great suspicion.**

They see it (he said) as merely a postponement of the inevitability of the bankruptcy of the council.

Mr Heffer said it was clear that the money the city council had been forced to borrow from the Swiss banks ***should*** **have gone from Government sources.**

The full responsibility for the crisis in Liverpool lay with the Government which had tried to ***bankrupt the city for political gain.*** **It had refused to meet the council.**

Had the Liberal Party's proposals been accepted last Friday in Liverpool (he said) they would have been back to square one and would have run out of money.

Mr Baker said it was clearly the responsibility of the councillors of Liverpool to put their house in order. In their efforts to blackmail the Government no effort had been spared to hit their workers, to crush the voluntary sector and endanger the welfare of Liverpool people. Everything has to be sacrificed (he said) to promote the ambition and flatter the vanity of a few councillors.

Mr Frederick Sylvester (Manchester, Withington, C): Would he draw attention to other councils which are at this moment stacking up difficulties for the future for exactly the same reason.

Mr Baker: He is prescient and correct to be worried about possible tactics that may arise in the city of Manchester. If they get up to this sort of devious financial tricks they will solve nothing at the end of the day.

Mr Frank Field (Birkenhead, Lab): Liverpool faces extremely serious problems over and above the grotesque activities of the Militant Tendency. Job losses since the Conservatives came to power have ***been double the national*** **average. Now that there is a budget settlement what actions does the Government intend to take to help Liverpool and the surrounding area?**

Mr Baker: The rate support grant system does recognize the particular problems of inner city deprivation which Liverpool faces.

The Government recognizes the problem.

Mr John Heddle (Mid Staffordshire, C): The only way the council is going to protect real jobs, wealth and prosperity is if it runs its affairs on truly democratic lines.

Mr Baker: I entirely agree with him. If I had not stood fast in this and had shown I was prepared to give way it would have been a very bad day for local government because every council would have known they could use these sort of revolutionary tactics, the purpose of which was to cause chaos in Liverpool and suffering for its people.

Mr Richard Ryder (Mid Norfolk, C): Thousands of my constituents who have seen billions of public money poured into Liverpool will be relieved by the Government's robust approach to this issue.

Mr Baker: Many councils have made clear to me they did not want me in any way to accommodate Liverpool's demands. Many of the councils that have made these representations to me are Labour-controlled.

Mr John Cartwright (Woolwich, SDP): It is not just Manchester which seems intent on following the Liverpool example. A number of London boroughs are well down the Liverpool road. If they run out of money are they to be allowed to ***conclude some curious deals with the*** **gnomes of Zurich? Will this not drive a coach and horses through the Government aim to control local government expenditure?**

Mr Baker: This is a very imperfect and I think fundamentally wrong approach for local government finance because it postpones the day of reckoning.

Dr John Cunningham, chief Opposition spokesman on the environment: Since the city council has balanced its budget, will Mr Baker agree to meet with its leader so that the future problems of the city, which are far from resolved, can be discussed?

It is the historically low target for expenditure which is at the root cause of the city's financial ***problems, as highlighted*** **by the Stonefrost report.**

Will the minister refrain from suggesting that the Government has concentrated resources on the inner cities when since 1979 Liverpool has lost almost £400 million in rate support grant and has been given just £80 million in urban aid?

It is quite untrue to suggest that somehow the Government has been ***bringing*** **resources to the inner cities when it has consistenly taken them away.**

Mr Baker: I have always said I was willing to meet a delegation when they behaved reasonably and within the law, as weith any other local authority representatives.

● Mr William Hamilton (Central Fife, Lab) later unsuccessfully sought an emergency debate on the report by the Archbishop of Canterbury's commission into urban decay and deprivation.

Parliament today

Commons (2.30): Debates on Opposition motion on the Northern Region and on the Silentnight dispute. **Lords** (2.30): Debate on overseas aid.

Seven year contracts for dockyard management

DOCKYARDS

Considerable commercial interest had been expressed in the contracts for management of the naval dockyards at Devonport and Rosyth. **Mr** ***Norman Lamont,*** Minister of State for Defence Procurement, said in the Commons.

Mr Lamont was moving second reading of the Dockyard Services *Bill* to allow for commercial management of the naval dockyards. He expressed the hope that work in the yards would be on a fixed price basis for 75 per cent of the work after a two year period.

He said that increased spending did not ensure adequate defence. There had to be increased efficiency and value for money. All reports on the dockyards had recommended that changes had to be made. Even the trade unions had said there was a need for improvement.

The Government believed that the dockyards as suppliers had to be separated from the Fleet as customers.

Although there had been con*siderable criticism of the Government's* proposals, it did not consider that any alternative put forward gave the same benefits in improved efficiency and working practices, or *in value for money.*

The Government would set up, on or before vesting day in 1987, companies to operate each dockyard, and management and work*force would be transferred to* those companies.

The main clause of the Bill would have allowed for an employing company or a managing company, and there was consideration of having two such companies for each yard, but there *had* been representation by unions and potential contractors and the Gvernment had decided that there would be a company for each yard.

The first tenders would be for seven years, and would identify a core programme of work for each yard. That programme would be sufficient to make each yard viable.

That should be a sufficient period over which to judge the performance of contractors. In the early years the core programme would defined fairly precisely but in later years would be indicative of the work they expected to be offered to each yard.

The Government intention was that work entering the yards should increasingly be on a fixed-price basis, rather than cost-plus. They expected that 75 per cent of the work would be on that basis after two years, but for a period they would be working up to that basis.

They intended that successful sompetitors should be identified in the autumn of 1986 and that at the end of the year there should be a short transition period to ensure smooth transition in April 1987 to full commercial management.

The Government intended there should be no weakening of pension provisions as a result of transfer.

Uppermost in the Government's mind has been to do nothing which would endanger national security in conventional and nuclear fields. The decision to introduce commercial management into the dockyards was endorsed by the Navy Board. It was their view that national security would not be put at risk in any way.

Mr Denzil Davies, chief Opposition spokesman on defence and disarmament, said the Bill was one of the most ill-prepared, poorly researched and irresponsible Bills which this Government had introduced in the Commons over the last six years.

An agency system might be operated for some fast-food establishment but it was not suitable to run such complex organizations as the royal dockyards. The proposals would do nothing but harm to the Navy and nothing but damage to the livelihoods of thousands of dockyard employees who had served the Navy and nation with *skill* and dedication in war and peace and who would be shabbily treated if the Bill became law.

It would damage the communities of Plymouth and Rosyth which were so dependent on the dockyards for their *economic existence and* economic future.

The main motivation behind the Bill was the Government's ideological beliefs and not first and foremost the well-being of the Navy.

Miss Janet Fookes (Plymouth, Drake, C) said she had serious reservations about the Government's course. She accepted that the present system left much to be desired, but that was no disrespect to the workforce which could only be as good as those who led it and the system under which it worked.

She *had* been disturbed by the short period of consultation.

She was not surprised that many believed that consultation was a mockery for something already decided and she shared that view, even though it was her Government which engaged in it.

She did not like the commercial option and infinitely preferred the public company. The drawback to the Government's choice was that which Mr Lamont put forward as an advantage that there could be a change of contractors after seven yeats. They should at least go for 10 years. That would give a little more sense of programme and set the minds of emplyees more at rest.

There was a belief in Plymouth that the number of serious contenders for contract was rapidly dimfhishing and that there was now considerable doubt an the commercial option. She would not vote for the Bill.

Dr David Owen (Plymouth, Devonport), leader of the SDP, said that for Miss Fookes to vote against the Bill would be a more accurate reflection of the sense of let-down and anger in Plymouth.

He could not remember a piece of legislation which had been so mauled and savaged.

This was not privatization but piratization. The Government was taking an asset which had served the country well for centuries.

Experimental fog detectors on M25

DRIVING

Mr Nicholas Ridley, Secretary of State for Transport, rejected an appeal for closed circuit television on fog prone stretches of motorways. But, he said in the Commons, *experimental fog detectors had been* installed on the Mole Valley section of the M25 to see whether they could alert police to the dangers so that they could arrange speed *restriction signs.*

Mr Roger Stott, an Opposition spokesman on transport: The great problem on motorways is that people drive at excessive speeds *during foggy conditions.*

Mr Ridley: I strongly agree that the problem on motorways and roads in general is that people drive too fast *in the conditions prevailing* at the time. There is no substitute than to impress on people higher standards of driving.

Mr David Maclean (Penrith and the Borders, C): The answer to this problem does not lie in new technology but in cracking down on the murderous maniacs driving too fast.

Mr Ridley: Enforcement by the police is entirely a matter for them. But I strongly agree that we would have a better safety record and less crashes if people drove more carefully and with more consideration.

Severn crossing

The study into the building of a second Severn crossing south of the present bridge should be complete by August 1986, **Mr David Mitchell**, *Under Secretary of State* for Transport, said in the Commons.

Consultants were looking for the best sites for a bridge, a driven tunnel and an immersed tube tunnel and their *links* with motorways. He said they were also carrying out engineering, environmental, traffic and economic assessments.

Bishop's warning on Sunday shopping

SHOPS BILL

The Government hoped the removal of restrictions on Sunday trading would be welcomed as a liberalizing, but steady, reforming measure to rescue the law from the disrepute into which it had fallen, **Lord Glenarthur**, Under Secretary of State, Home Office, said in the House of Lords when moving the second reading of the Shops Bill.

The aim of the *Bill, he said,* was to bring the law into line with the realities of life, tastes and behaviour in the late twentieth century and to extend individual choice.

Attitudes had changed so *that* shopping had now become a family and leisure activity. There was no inconsistency in attending church on Sunday morning and *doing essential* shopping on the way home. The legislation proposed was for a change of degree not of principle.

There were those opposed to deregulation of Sunday trading, but only for some shops or some shopkeepers, or who believed that shops should be regulated, but that amusement arcades and restaurants should not.

If ice-cream can be sold on a Sunday (he said) why should the criminal law be invoked to prevent Bibles or postcards being sold in church? If plants can be sold, why not plant pots or spades?

Many opponents of the *Bill* conceded they were not concerned with moral principles, but then it was difficult to see any logical consistency in the alternatives they offered.

Of the amendment to be proposed by the Bishop of Birmingham, the Rt Rev Hugh Montefiore, he said the Govern*ment* could not be expected to concede at second reading a change that would weaken the Bill. The amendment would mean a return to the confusion of the past.

The Government was sceptical about invoking the criminal law to prevent activities which were not inherently harmful. People wanted to be free to shop at times which fitted in with their other demands and the shops wanted to provide that service.

The Bishop of Birmingham then moved his amendment stating that the law should be amended so as to rationalise restrictions on trading hours without such extensive deregulation as the Bill proposed.

He said total deregulation would be a change of principle, despite what the minister had said. Without the traditional Sunday, life would be a plateau, like days without sleep or life without death. Society must have reference points for living. To disregard the divine ordinance would be to court disaster.

They should not suppose that only shops would be affected by the Bill. There would be a great demand for public transport to get to the shops. Lorries would have to bring in fresh supplies. More police would be required. Streets would have to be cleaned. It would be like the bustle of an ordinary working day.

People would be taken away from their families on Sundays. It was bad enough that between one and two million people already had to work every Sunday. It would be intolerable to coerce half a million more.

Young boys and girls already worked on Saturdays. Was it really good for them to be removed from the family circle and employed on Sundays as well? At a time when divorce was affecting one in three marriages and when children were badly in need of the affection and discipline of their parents, it was desirable to strengthen family life, not to weaken it.

Some argued for deregulation on the grounds that there should be as much freedom for the individual as possible. But one person's gain was another's loss. Freedom to shop on Sundays meant people in shops would have to work so they would lose their freedom of recreation with their families.

The Government had no mandate for this Bill. The Conservative Party manifesto had said nothing about Sunday trading and there was no clear evidence that the majority of people wanted total deregulation.

One of the functions of the House of Lords was to curb the excesses of those who wished to curtail the liberties of Her Majesty's subjects. Among those freedoms must surely be an enjoyment of Sunday peace at home with the family.

He had thought the Conservative ethos was to conserve all that was best in our national life and to retain traditional values. It was undesireable, without a clear mandate from the people, to introduce far-reaching, fundamental and irrevocable changes in our national life.

Lord Mishcon **(Lab)** said time and again the House had debated juvenile delinquency and the break-up of family life. Was it consciously going to vote for a Bill that could only have the effect of stopping Sunday lunch being what it had been: the grouping round the table of members of the family?

Lord Sainsbury (SDP) said he had with reluctance to support the Bill because of his belief that the law should be both practical and easily enforceable. Retailing was a service industry which had to take account of social changes.

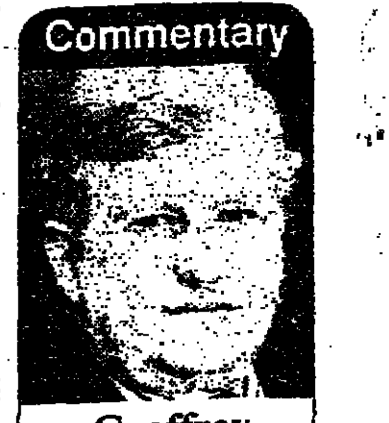
Longer opening hours, which would result if the Bill were passed, should not necessarily mean longer hours for those employed.

Viscount Tonypandy (Ind) said he was appalled that the Government should have thought fit to change the traditional Sunday by use of a whipped vote. It would mean a fundamental change in an institution which had played an enormous part in shaping national character.

This is the age of the iconoclast (he said), the tearer-down, the destroyer of what other people have *built and what has endured for 500* years. The time has come to call a halt to the wanton destruction of our heritage. To destroy the traditional Sunday merely because there are anomalies would be a criminal betrayal. Sunday is not for sale.

Lord Harmar-Nicholls (C) said they were not voting on the preservation of Sunday but on whether to wipe the slate clean of all restrictions or to go on patching up and revamping the existing legislation. The Bill was not irrevocable. Future governments would not be precluded from making other changes and he forecast that would happen.

Commentary



Geoffrey Smith

The Alliance is once again trying to focus public attention on electoral reform. For the first time since the Liberals and the SDP came together a full party political broadcast will this evening be devoted to the subject when John Cleese demonstrates that there is more than one actor who is interested in politics.

Dr David Owen's Tamworth lecture on proportional representation last Friday also attracted a good deal of notice, possibly more than the broadcast will. That was because he managed to ruffle some Liberals *fathers yet again.*

The essence of his speech lay in two distinct yet related propositions: that if the Alliance holds the balance in the next Parliament it should demand an advisory referendum on proportional representation to be held within three months of voting on the Queen's Speech; and that it would be wrong under any circumstances to make such a major constitutional change without a referendum.

This line of reasoning is attacked on a number of different grounds. First, it is said, there is no need to insist on a referendum as a point of principle. If other parties use an overall majority of seats in the House of Commons to push through *their programme, no* matter how drastic it may be, why should the Alliance not do the same if it is ever in such a happy position?

This criticism is, I am convinced, absolutely wrong. To make such a fundamental change as the introduction of a new method of electing the House of Commons without being sure that it carried public approval would risk undermining confidence in the whole political system.

Tactically clumsy critics claim

There is a world of difference between having referendums for policy decisions, which would be alien to the British tradition, and having them to determine the basic constitutional arrangements under which policy should be decided.

But his critics also say that Dr Owen has been guilty of tactical clumsiness in weakening the Alliance's bargaining position on PR before the election has even been held. If he must throw away a card, it is said, at least he should wait until he gets to the table.

That he has modified the Alliance's position is evident. The other parties will now know that at least one of the partners would be prepared to settle in a hung Parliament for an advisory referendum, with*out any guarantee that* legislation would follow whatever the result, rather than insisting upon the certainty of electoral reform.

But I believe that Dr Owen has, in fact, potentially strengthened the Alliance's negotiating hand. He has given it a new flexibility. For the Alliance to appear committed to unrealistically rigid demands would be more likely to confirm the other parties in their belief that it would be imposible to do a deal.

Yet, even if Dr Owen is right on substance, has he once again been highhanded in his methods? He cleared the speech with Mr David Steel a couple of days before it was delivered. *Mr Steel, who is* known to be mildly opposed to the idea of a referendum, had previously regarded it as no more than a possible fall-back position.

Some Liberals not mollified

It was, therefore, hardly surprising that he objected to some parts of the speech, which was adjusted to make it clear that Dr Owen was simply speaking personally. Mr Steel seems to be playing the episode down, for obvious reasons.

Some other Liberals, however, are not so easily mollified. They point out that nothing was said about *Dr Owen's new* line at the last joint strategy meeting on November 12, that they have had no opportunity of discussing it before he went public and that this is no way to breed confidence between partners.

It is, I believe, impossible to acquit Dr Owen of highhandedness. Yet the Liberals would be unwise to make much of it this time. Theyhave themselves been guilty of exactly the same offence. There had been no full discussion of Mr Steel's proposal for a mutual arms freeze before he launched it on an unsuspecting SDP conference in September.

Wrathful Liberals might reflect that there is a better time to attack a partner than when he is speaking in the national interest on a *matter of* principle.

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Barristers threaten to alter rules and allow 'strikes' over legal aid

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

The Bar is prepared to change its professional rules of conduct so that barristers would be able to take "strike action" with impunity unless the Government agrees to "fair and reasonable" rates of pay for criminal legal aid work.

A special general meeting of the Bar is to be held towards the beginning of February to discuss the Government's response to its claim for pay increases of 30 to 40 per cent, as recommended in a recent report commissioned from Coopers and Lybrand, management consultants.

Yesterday Mr Robert Johnson, QC, chairman of the Bar's fees and legal aid committee, said: "I don't like the words industrial action but the major sanction we have is refusing to do prosecution work when the new Crown Prosecution Service gets under way."

If the Government's response was not considered by the Bar to offer "fair and reasonable" rates for work properly done, then the Bar Council would issue a rule that the "cab-rank" rule no longer applied, he said.

Under that professional rule, barristers are obliged to take the next brief offered to them, provided they are available. A waiver of the rule would ensure they were not liable to disciplinary procedures for refusing Crown prosecution work.

So far the Government's response to the Coopers and Lybrand report, the first commissioned by the Bar as ammunition in its pay negotiations, had been "rather disappointing".

Although it had had the report since mid-September, it had only just issued a reply. That reply failed to deal with the main thrust of the report and dealt instead with "minor skirmishing points on the format", Mr Johnson said.

"They have not so far accepted that there needs to be a major increase to bring our people up to what the Government pays its own lawyers", he said.

About half the Bar depends for most of its income on public sector work, which barristers undertake as independent practitioners. Mr Johnson said: "One has to be realistic and bear in mind that these barristers are particularly vulnerable".

The law officers themselves are understood to be sympathetic to the need for an increase in fees, although they have not committed themselves to a figure. But the stumbling block is the Treasury, which so far has not conceded that there should be any more money allocated to the legal aid budget.

Mr Simon Fisher (left) and Mr Tim McGregor grooming a Highland steer named Morthriath Second of Cookham at the Royal Smithfield Show in London yesterday.

A fresh clash broke out on the use of hormone growth promoters as the show opened (our Agriculture Correspondent writes). Mr John Lloyd, chairman, said that, while he accepted that the implanting of natural hormones posed no health dangers, the consumer none the less ruled the roost.

But the Association of British Pharmaceutical Industry said there was not a single shred of scientific evidence to support a ban on use of all hormones for fattening.

(Photograph: Warren Harrison).

Government may act against makers of heroin substitutes

By Philip Webster, Political Reporter

The Government is considering action against illicit drug-makers by preventing the manufacture of synthetic substitutes for heroin and other lethal substances.

Ministers are to decide whether Britain needs legislation similar to that in the United States which would outlaw the production of drugs, whatever their chemical base or name, that could induce heroin-type reactions.

It would be aimed at stopping cunning manufacturers from getting round the controls on deadly drugs by slightly altering the chemical formulae to stay one step in front of the law.

In the US there is a growing menace from so-called designer or "mimic" drugs, which are chemically manufactured, but which can produce effects many times stronger than heroin. When they have been banned manufacturers have by-passed the legislation by slightly changing a component and giving it a different name. There are fears that the practice may be spreading to Britain.

At present it is largely considered to be a California problem but one designer drug, XTC, a hallucinogenic, has already been controlled by the British Government under the Misuse of Drugs Act.

Of particular concern in the US is the use being made by unlawful makers of the apparently endless derivatives of the the hallucinatory drug fentonyl to get round the controls, a factor which led Congress to consider a change in its approach with legislation putting a blanket ban on the production of drugs that could produce heroine-type effects. It was confirmed yesterday that some fentonyl derivatives are not banned in Britain.

Mr David Mellor, Under Secretary of State at the Home Office, who indicated that the Government was considering action along US lines at a Commons standing committee meeting on statutory instruments, spoke of the "horrendous" effects of fentonyl "analogues" which could be 100 times stronger than heroin and had caused symptoms similar to Parkinson's disease in young people.

Mr Robin Corbett, Labour spokesman on home affairs, said last night that designer drugs were an added threat to the rising menace of heroin and cocaine addiction.

● Customs officers have seized cocaine worth more than £2 million in the biggest haul of the drug at a British port. Almost 13 kilos of cocaine was found in cases of beer in a couple's BMW car at Dover on Sunday.

A customs spokesman said a man, from Finchley, north London, his woman companion and a girl, aged four, had arrived on a ferry from Calais. They had left Britain on Saturday for Boulogne.

Firm pays students to sell 'snuff-dipping'

By Nicholas Timmins, Social Services Correspondent

A United States tobacco company is paying students up to £30 a month and offering help for college sports teams and societies in return for students promoting their "tobacco teabags".

The product, Skoal Bandits is finely chopped tobacco held in a tiny sachet between the cheek and the gum, a habit known as "snuff-dipping".

Earlier this year Dr Donald Acheson, the Government's chief medical officer, warned doctors and health authorities, that the habit "significantly increases the risk of developing cancer of the mouth", a disease that is difficult to treat, extremely unpleasant and can cause disfigurement and death.

The Health Education Council has written to students unions warning them of the dangers of snuff-dipping after reports that the company is recruiting students to help promote Skoal Bandits and trying to persuade students union shops to stock them.

Mr Richard Jones, former president of Warwick University students union, who now works for the HEC, said he received repeated visits from the company's representatives looking for recruits and offering "promotional bribes" including offers of sponsorship to student sports teams, clubs and societies.

"It was a very aggressive sell. On one occasion the salesman said he would lose his job if we didn't sell the product".

Mr Garry Hogben, deputy president of Sunderland Polytechnic, said that as president of the college rugby club, he was asked to find team members to "push the product around" on match days, offering free samples to opposing teams.

Several student unions, including Warwick and Sunderland, have refused to sell the product.

The company, US Tobacco International, has entered into a voluntary agreement with the Department of Health and Social Security not to market the product to people aged under 18 and the Independent Broadcasting Authority has banned advertisements for Skoal Bandits on television and radio.

The company is receiving grants of up to £1 million towards a factory it has built in East Kilbride to manufacture Skoal Bandits.

The British medical Association has opposed the government grants for the company and wants the product banned. "We believe its just another way of trying to get people hooked on nicotine, whether its cigarettes or Skoal Bandits."

Mr John Walter, marketing director of US Tobacco International, said its product "has not been scientifically proven to be the cause of any human disease, let alone oral cancer", although he accepted there was "controversy" over whether snuff-dipping damaged health.

The university programme, he said, was a small part of the company's marketing effort which was directed at smokers aged over 18.

Safety fines for West Ham

West Ham football club was fined £1,750 yesterday by Stratford magistrates in east London for breaches of ground safety regulations.

The summonses were issued after an inspection by two Greater London Council senior firemen, soon after the Bradford fire disaster.

Motor-cyclists 'need compulsory training'

The Motor Agents Association yesterday called for legislation to make training compulsory for first time motor-cycle riders (Our Motoring Correspondent writes). It said only one in three of learner drivers received training of any kind because present laws were "unfair, inadequate and far too complicated".

Its members sell 70 per cent of the motor-cycles bought in Britain. The association is a member of the National Motor-Cycle Council set up last year to advise the Secretary of State for Transport on possible new legislation.

But the 10 organizations on the council are divided on the need for compulsory training so the MAA has decided to bring the issue into the open to test public reaction.

The association is recommending a minimum of four hours training. Present legislation requires motor-cyclists to take two road tests but 16-year-olds can drive a 50cc moped and 17-year-olds a motor-cycle up to 125cc with no initial training. Learners must pass both tests within two years or be taken off the road for one year.

Dikko kidnappers fail to get sentences cut

Four kidnappers of the former Nigerian politician Alhaji Umaru Dikko, failed yesterday in their Court of Appeal pleas for a reduction in their jail sentences.

Lord Justice Croom-Johnson said the deterrent sentences of 10 to 14 years for the men who abducted the former politician in broad daylight in London, drugged him and sealed him in a crate for airlifting back to Nigeria, were in no way wrong.

Sitting with Mr Justice Drake and Mr Justice Mann, he said there were manu refugees and exiles living in Britain who "must be free from any threats or fear of being forcibly abducted and taken back to a place where someone feels they are criminals."

Alexander Barak, aged 28, a diamond dealer, Lev-Arie Shapiro, aged 45, an anaesthetist, Felix Abitbol, aged 31, a clothing importer from Israel, Muhammad Yusufu, aged 40, a Nigerian Army major, all pleaded guilty at their Central Criminal Court trial in February. Barak received 14 years, Yusufu 12 years and the others 10 years each.

Industry accepts long holiday over Christmas

Many sections of British industry will take a two-week holiday at Christmas and the new year. This will lead to a marked slow-down in production in December and January if last year's figures are any indication according to the December edition of *Director*, published this week by the Institute of Directors.

The magazine said the Government's Central Statistical Office reported an 8.38 per cent fall in last December's output from the previous month. Total January output was 4.85 per cent down on November, but production was up by more than 2 per cent in February, the first month of full production.

The prevailing opinion among British companies is that the long holiday, which has been the vogue for the past 10 years, is here to stay. The report says many British companies prefer a long Christmas break, with a total shutdown, to the many saints' days and occasional holidays which disrupt the EEC industrial calendar.

According to *Director*, Ford and Austin Rover are behind the idea. "The long holiday allows us to level production out at a time when car sales are low", an Austin Rover spokesman said. Ford said: 'If we are going to shut down for three days, we might as well close for five or 10. Remember we make cars in August while the Renault workers are on the beach". Further support is given by the National Coal Board, ICI and British Steel.

The Confederation of British Industry, which also supports the long holidays, disagrees that there is a "terrific" cost to British industry at Christmas, arguing that most people are taking holidays they would otherwise have taken in the summer. The Institute of Directors concluded that it has no objection to the long break, if that is how firms and employers wish to arrange their holiday.

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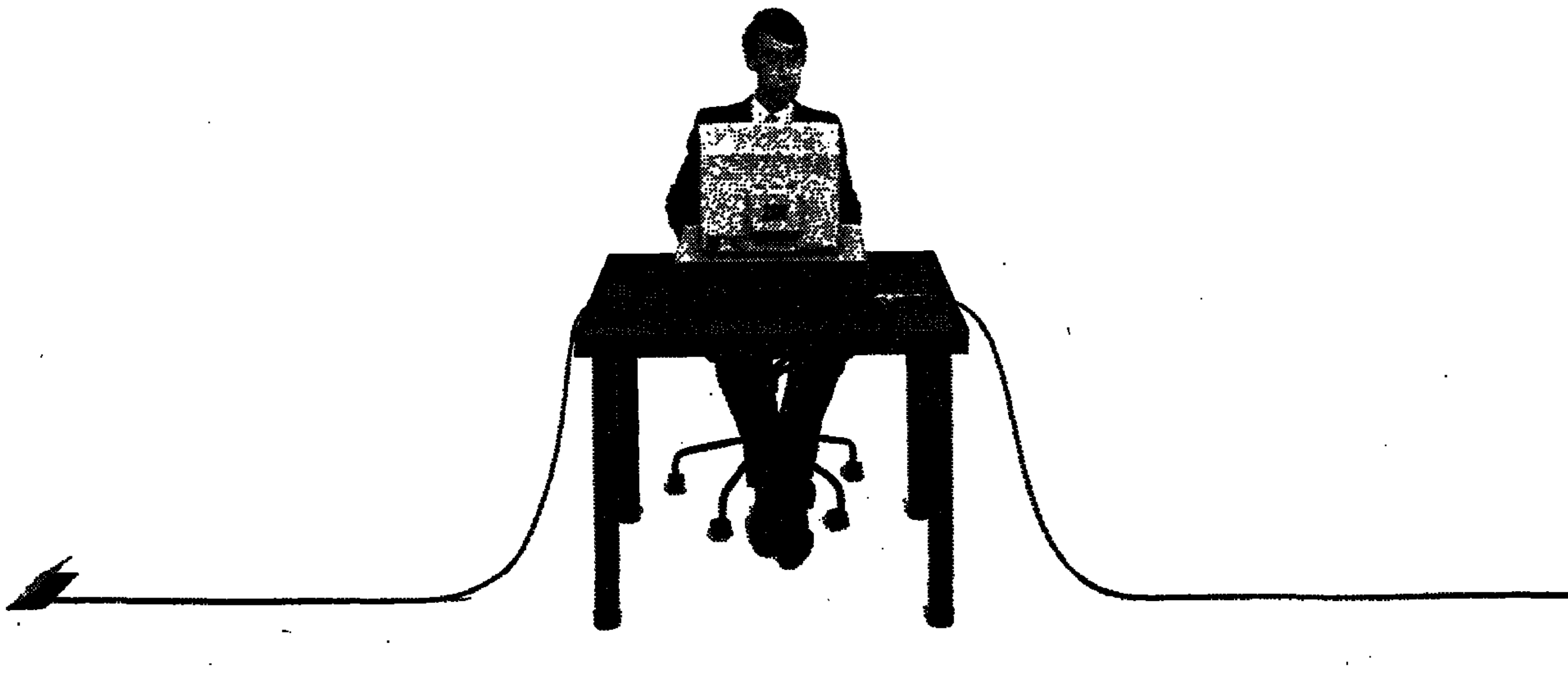

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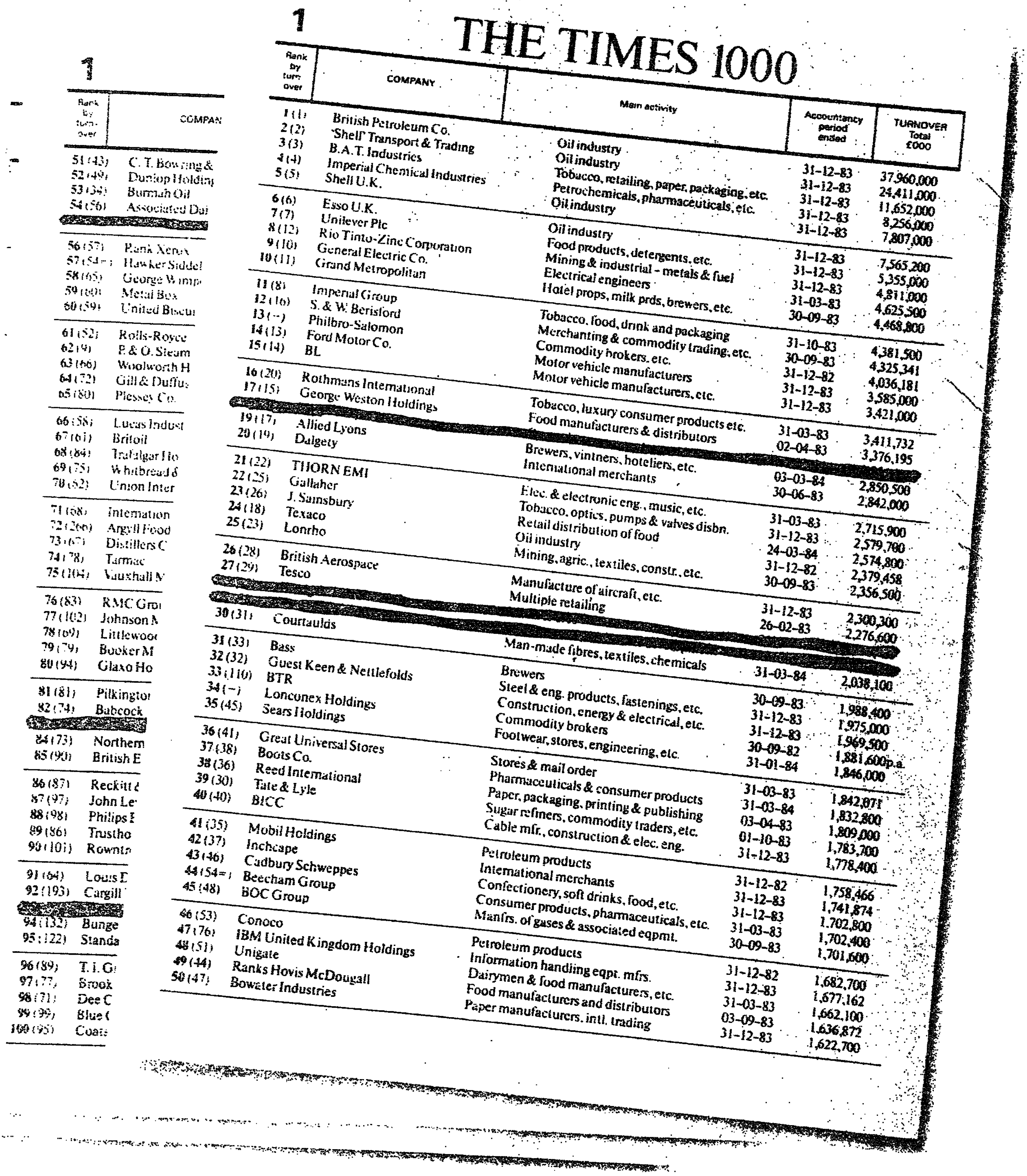

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Rank by turnover	COMPANY	Main activity	Accountancy period ended	TURNOVER Total £000
1 (1)	British Petroleum Co.	Oil industry	31-12-83	37,960,000
2 (2)	'Shell' Transport & Trading	Oil industry	31-12-83	24,411,000
3 (3)	B.A.T. Industries	Tobacco, retailing, paper, packaging, etc.	31-12-83	11,652,000
4 (4)	Imperial Chemical Industries	Petrochemicals, pharmaceuticals, etc.	31-12-83	8,256,000
5 (5)	Shell U.K.	Oil industry	31-12-83	7,807,000
6 (6)	Esso U.K.	Oil industry	31-12-83	7,565,200
7 (7)	Unilever Plc	Food products, detergents, etc.	31-12-83	5,355,000
8 (12)	Rio Tinto-Zinc Corporation	Mining & industrial – metals & fuel	31-12-83	4,811,000
9 (10)	General Electric Co.	Electrical engineers	31-03-83	4,625,500
10 (11)	Grand Metropolitan	Hotel props, milk prds, brewers, etc.	30-09-83	4,468,800
11 (8)	Imperial Group	Tobacco, food, drink and packaging	31-10-83	4,381,500
12 (16)	S. & W. Berisford	Merchanting & commodity trading, etc.	30-09-83	4,325,341
13 (–)	Philbro-Salomon	Commodity brokers, etc.	31-12-82	4,036,181
14 (13)	Ford Motor Co.	Motor vehicle manufacturers	31-12-83	3,585,000
15 (14)	BL	Motor vehicle manufacturers, etc.	31-12-83	3,421,000
16 (20)	Rothmans International	Tobacco, luxury consumer products etc.	31-03-83	3,411,732
17 (15)	George Weston Holdings	Food manufacturers & distributors	02-04-83	3,376,195
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19 (17)	Allied Lyons	Brewers, vintners, hoteliers, etc.	03-03-84	2,850,500
20 (19)	Dalgety	International merchants	30-06-83	2,842,000
21 (22)	THORN EMI	Elec. & electronic eng., music, etc.	31-03-83	2,715,900
22 (25)	Gallaher	Tobacco, optics, pumps & valves disbn.	31-12-83	2,579,700
23 (26)	J. Sainsbury	Retail distribution of food	24-03-84	2,574,800
24 (18)	Texaco	Oil industry	31-12-82	2,379,458
25 (23)	Lonrho	Mining, agric., textiles, constr., etc.	30-09-83	2,356,500
26 (28)	British Aerospace	Manufacture of aircraft, etc.	31-12-83	2,300,300
27 (29)	Tesco	Multiple retailing	26-02-83	2,276,600
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30 (31)	Courtaulds	Man-made fibres, textiles, chemicals	31-03-84	2,038,100
31 (33)	Bass	Brewers	30-09-83	1,988,400
32 (32)	Guest Keen & Nettlefolds	Steel & eng. products, fastenings, etc.	31-12-83	1,975,000
33 (110)	BTR	Construction, energy & electrical, etc.	31-12-83	1,969,500
34 (–)	Lonconex Holdings	Commodity brokers	30-09-82	1,881,600p.a.
35 (45)	Sears Holdings	Footwear, stores, engineering, etc.	31-01-84	1,846,000
36 (41)	Great Universal Stores	Stores & mail order	31-03-83	1,842,071
37 (38)	Boots Co.	Pharmaceuticals & consumer products	31-03-84	1,832,800
38 (36)	Reed International	Paper, packaging, printing & publishing	03-04-83	1,809,000
39 (30)	Tate & Lyle	Sugar refiners, commodity traders, etc.	01-10-83	1,783,700
40 (40)	BICC	Cable mfr., construction & elec. eng.	31-12-83	1,778,400
41 (35)	Mobil Holdings	Petroleum products	31-12-82	1,758,466
42 (37)	Inchcape	International merchants	31-12-83	1,741,874
43 (46)	Cadbury Schweppes	Confectionery, soft drinks, food, etc.	31-12-83	1,702,800
44 (54=)	Beecham Group	Consumer products, pharmaceuticals, etc.	31-03-83	1,702,400
45 (48)	BOC Group	Manfrs. of gases & associated eqpmt.	30-09-83	1,701,600
46 (53)	Conoco	Petroleum products	31-12-82	1,682,700
47 (76)	IBM United Kingdom Holdings	Information handling eqpt. mfrs.	31-12-83	1,677,162
48 (51)	Unigate	Dairymen & food manufacturers, etc.	31-03-83	1,662,100
49 (44)	Ranks Hovis McDougall	Food manufacturers and distributors	03-09-83	1,636,872
50 (47)	Bowater Industries	Paper manufacturers, intl. trading	31-12-83	1,622,700

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51 (43)	C. T. Bowring &
52 (49)	Dunlop Holding
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56 (57)	Rank Xerox
57 (54=)	Hawker Siddel
58 (65)	George Wimp
59 (60)	Metal Box
60 (59)	United Biscui
61 (52)	Rolls-Royce
62 (9)	P. & O. Steam
63 (66)	Woolworth H
64 (72)	Gill & Duffus
65 (80)	Plessey Co.
66 (58)	Lucas Indust
67 (61)	Britoil
68 (84)	Trafalgar Ho
69 (75)	Whitbread &
70 (62)	Union Inter
71 (68)	Internation
72 (266)	Argyll Food
73 (67)	Distillers C
74 (78)	Tarmac
75 (104)	Vauxhall M
76 (83)	RMC Gro
77 (102)	Johnson M
78 (69)	Littlewoo
79 (79)	Booker M
80 (94)	Glaxo Ho
81 (81)	Pilkingto
82 (74)	Babcock
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84 (73)	Northern
85 (90)	British E
86 (87)	Reckitt &
87 (97)	John Le
88 (98)	Philips I
89 (86)	Trustho
90 (101)	Rowntr
91 (64)	Louis D
92 (193)	Cargill
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94 (132)	Bunge
95 (122)	Standa
96 (89)	T. I. G
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Santiago doctors to join wave of strikes against Pinochet regime

From A Correspondent, Santiago

The Santiago chapter of Chile's national organization of physicians has asked its 6,500 members to "suspend activities" today in what amounts to the first doctors' strike against the 12-year-old military regime.

The doctors are protesting over health care legislation which they say has made medical care too expensive for the average Chilean and left hospital and health-related budgets dangerously behind inflation.

The deterioration of health care has reached "intolerable levels" they say and a national congress of professional workers recently declared the health sector an "area of catastrophe".

Doctors are being asked to provide only emergency services today and to stop working at 10 am. A doctors' strike played an important role in undermining the Allende Government which was overthrown by the military coup of 1973.

Today's action follows similar one-day strikes and boycotts by consumers, taxi drivers, students and transport operators, and a big demonstration attended by half a million people 12 days ago.

It is the latest in what have become monthly protests demanding speedy changes in the military regime's policies and a prompt return to democracy in Chile.

So far the protests seem to have had little impact on the government. General Pinochet still refuses to negotiate political change, even with the moderate-Conservative alliance of parties which, under the auspices of Archbishop Juan Francisco Fresno, of Santiago, signed a document, called the national accord for democracy, three months ago.

The parties in the alliance are generally convinced that only a negotiated return to democracy in the near future will prevent a serious conflict that could lead to civil war, but they are encouraged by signs that the military's once iron-clad unity behind General Pinochet has begun to break down.

Recent court investigations of atrocities committed against centrist and left-wing opponents of the regime have led to confessions, accusations and counter-accusations between different branches of Chile's armed forces, particularly the political police (CNI), answerable only to General Pinochet, and the uniformed carabineers, who since 1973 officially form a branch of the armed forces.

East exploits Berlin loophole

From Frank Johnson, Bonn

Europe's oddest immigration loophole, which the West German Government thought it had managed to close a few months ago, has opened again. In November alone, 3,000 Indians, Pakistanis and Iranians are understood to have got into West Germany and the rest of Western Europe via East Berlin.

Earlier this year, similar numbers of Sri Lankans got into West Berlin in this way. The West German Government only persuaded the East Germans to stop the traffic by giving the East Germans an undisclosed, but large, amount of marks.

Under West German law, Germans who manage to get out of East Berlin, or the rest of East Germany, have an automatic right to West German citizenship. This right was established before the age of jet-borne migrations to Europe from the Third World.

An Indian, or any other nationality (except someone from the Eastern Bloc), can cross unhindered into West Berlin, once he or she has succeeded in reaching East Berlin. The East Berliners will not take them back, so West Berlin, and West Germany as a whole, must bear the burden of feeding and housing them.

Despite its being a communist state, East Germany's real motive is commercial. The traffic is a source of cash for East Germany's airline, which brings the immigrants to Schönefeld Airport from Third World airports. The airline has a good nose for seeking out business in troubled areas from which a lot of people might want to flee.

Lately, the West Germans have been sending more back to their countries of origin. But the expectation here is that the latest traffic can only be stopped by strong diplomatic words to Herr Erich Honecker, the East German leader, or by more marks.

James McGill, from Liverpool, at a Brussels court yesterday where he appeared on charges in connection with the Heysel stadium riot in May, which left 39 people dead.

Lange sees reason for French U-turn

From Richard Long
Wellington

France's decision to resume talks on compensation for the Rainbow Warrior bombing was definitely linked with New Zealand plans to hold a marine inquiry into the ship's sinking, New Zealand Prime Minister, Mr David Lange, said here yesterday.

He said that after the prospects of a marine inquiry were published here last week he received a call at the weekend from the French Foreign Minister, M Roland Dumas, who said that France would be returning to the talks scheduled to resume in New York on Saturday.

A marine inquiry into the death of Fernando Pereira, one of the crewmen, who died in the sabotage of the Greenpeace ship, could embarras France by making public details of the activities of French secret service agents in New Zealand which were not produced in court when the two captured agents pleaded guilty to manslaughter charges.

When asked whether the marine inquiry could jeopardize the reparation talks, Mr Lange replied: "It could jeopardize the reparation talks and it could provide a swift conclusion to the reparation talks."

If the reparation talks were making progress, then he could see no need to stage a lengthy inquiry.

Winter test for Gorbachov's anti-alcohol drive

From Christopher Walker, Moscow

Last week's blizzards, which brought the snow ploughs on to the streets of Moscow, mean that Mikhail Gorbachov's controversial anti-alcohol campaign – the centrepiece of his new social programme – is about to face its stiffest test, the rigours of the Russian winter.

Traditionally, the Russians have used liberal quantities of cheap spirit and potent fruit wine to ward off the cold. But this winter, they face the prospect of queueing for hours in sub-zero temperatures outside liquor stores which have been drastically reduced in number. What is more the vodka has gone up sharply in price.

As the dismal-looking queues began to form in the blinding snow, one Muscovite remarked that resentment about the new laws was bound to grow as the climate worsened. "If we are not going to be able to get drink easily, then there must be something else like better films on television", he said.

As part of the campaign, restaurants and liquor stores are forbidden to start serving alcohol before 2pm (compared with 11am last winter); the drinking age has been raised from 18 to 21; and all official functions have been declared dry, with toasts now only permissible in mineral water.

The progress of Mr Gorbachov's campaign, introduced with a draconian series of new laws last June, is being closely monitored by the Western embassies here. Experts believe that the effectiveness with which it is imposed during his first winter in power will be a crucial pointer to the Soviet leader's chances of achieving his declared goal of rescuing the economy from the doldrums.

"It was a very bold step which went in the face of decades, if not centuries of history and tradition," one senior diplomat told me. "The onset of winter is going to show us just how ready the Soviet people are to accept the hardships and how willing the various authorities are to impose them."

Among the harsh new penalties are fines starting at 20 roubles (about £18) for public drunkenness, rising after repeated offences to 100 roubles together with two months in a labour camp and a 20 per cent cut in salary.

In Moscow, only one shop in each of the city's 50 regions is now permitted to sell liquor and in some parts of the Soviet Union, areas have been declared totally dry for periods of up to one month.

The enormity of the problem is demonstrated by the increasingly desperate measures being taken to circumvent the restrictions. These have included a sharp rise in the sales of eau de cologne and even the stealing of alcohol de-icing fluid by Soviet fighter pilots.

Last month, the Army newspaper *Krasnaya Zvezda* (Red Star) printed a letter from Senior Lieutenant V. Kuraskin who said that his career had been put in jeopardy when he tried to prevent pilots using the ethyl alcohol for their own consumption. He claimed to have been severely reprimanded by the squadron leader in the Kiev district when he insisted that it all be used for the jets.

Despite these efforts to counter the anti-drinking drive, diplomats report that after nearly five months, it appears to be biting, with much less evidence of public drunkenness.

Politics halts greening crusade

Confrontations loom as agency stalls

In the second of two articles on environmental pollution in the United States, MICHAEL BINYON, Washington Correspondent, looks at the official response to a growing clamour for government action.

Experts at the Environmental Protection Agency are among the most frustrated in the Reagan Administration. For years the EPA was among the most vigorous agencies in the Western world in enforcing new regulations to cut pollution and force big business to clean up its mess. Many young activists, inspired by Ralph Nader, saw in the EPA an ally in the fight for the greening of America.

But times have changed. The EPA is being abused for obfuscation and sued for procrastination. Its political leaders have made it clear that the crusading days are over.

Conservatives in the Reagan Administration saw environmental activism as an insidious left-wing attempt to weaken American industry, a symbol of hated government interference and regulation, and a waste of money. They halted or reversed many programmes started or mooted.

In the acid rain talks with Canada, they blandly denied a problem existed. They called for more research before any new measures were enacted. The White House and the budget office refused to make more money available.

But public opinion and growing evidence of toxic hazards is now forcing a confrontation, both in Congress and in the courts. Over acid rain, seven states in the North-East have taken out suits seeking redress from old power stations in the Midwest. Their tall smokestacks, seen as an answer to local pollution, have simply dispersed the sulphur dioxide to the North-East, making it impossible for New England to meet existing clean air regulations by curbing local industry.

The courts have ordered the EPA to enforce the regulations by next April. But the agency has prevaricated and lodged an appeal. One reason is the cost: it would take an estimated $12,000 million to fit scrubbers on the old power stations. And the Canadians, who called in 1982 for a 50 per cent cut in sulphur emissions, are pressing for a new round of US clean air rules which could cost industry up to $20,000 million for new equipment.

The Canadians have played an important part in the fight over acid rain, within the US, as the issue became an embarrassing source of political division between the two neighbours. At the last US-Canadian summit meeting in Quebec in March, the two sides finally agreed to start joint control talks, and the US special representative, Mr Drew Lewis, has concluded that sulphur-based emissions by industry are a key cause of acid rain.

This may make it hard for the Administration to continue insisting that more research is needed, especially as it has refused to allow a proposed controlled experiment of fitting pollution controls on a few power stations and measuring the anticipated reduction in deposits. The US and Canadian representatives are due to report before the next summit in March.

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Meanwhile, lobby groups have increased their efforts. A campaign called Americans Against Acid Rain has just been launched in New York state to heighten public awareness and finance political lobbying. The National Academy of Sciences in Washington has joined in the call for a 50 per cent cut in sulphur emissions, estimating this would cost an average of $1 or $2 extra on a family's fuel bills.

Air and water pollution have returned as burning issues in Congress. The Clean Air Act is up for renewal and environmentalists, fighting in the teeth of Administration opposition, want the measure toughened. A Bill forcing EPA to cut permitted industrial emissions has been introduced into the House of Representatives.

Meanwhile, congressmen have denounced recent EPA moves to turn over controls of emissions to local states, saying this would encourage industry to shop around for states with the most lenient regulations. The tragedy at Bhopal, and similar chemical leaks in West Virginia recently, have strengthened congressional calls for stricter, not more lenient, federal controls.

The main fight at present is over cleaning up toxic waste. The Senate has voted $7,500 million and the House has proposed $10,000 million over the next five years. But both sides are squabbling over when work should start and whether additional hazardous sites should be included.

The fear now is that, with the crisis over the budget deficit, any attempt to vote more funds will be defeated, as Congress tackles the more urgent issue of cutting federal spending. President Reagan is still likely to veto the current environmental legislation if the appropriations are not substantially cut. The greening of America will take a while yet.

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Ralph Nader: inspired the activists

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Marcos risks US wrath to restore Ver as head of military after acquittal

From Keith Dalton, Manila

General Fabian Ver resumed full duties yesterday as Chief of Staff of the Philippines armed forces hours after a court acquitted him and 25 others of involvement in the 1983 murder of opposition leader Benigno Aquino.

The four-star general reported immediately to President Marcos to be re-instated after a special court found him not guilty of conspiring to cover up alleged military involvement in the assassination.

It took three court officials two hours to read the verdicts on General Ver, 24 other military men and a civilian, which were broadcast live on radio and television. There is no appeal.

"Thank God it's all over," General Ver said as he shook hands with reporters and his fellow defendants, who showed none of his jubilation. "there never was any evidence against me."

He slipped out a side door of the packed courtroom to avoid serveral hundred demonstrators outside who later marched to the presidential palace.

Mrs Corazon Aquino, who has taken on her murdered husband's mantle as opposition leader, said she believed Mr Marcos ordered the killings.

"Although I am convinced that misguided elements in the military had a direct hand in the assassination . . . I am not prepared to condemn all 13,000 officers and the entire military establishment for a heinous crime committed by a handful of Mr Marcos's most loyal henchmen," she said

"I now appeal to the decent elements of the military to help me get the facts and the truth."

The unanimous decision of the three judges, after a trial lasting seven months upheld the military theory that Aquino was shot by Rolando Galman, *an alleged communist agent.*

The judges said the prosecution failed to prove beyond reasonable doubt the existence of a military conspiracy in the August 21, 1983 murder.

Aquino, regarded as the President's chief rival, was shot while in military custody moments after arriving at Manila airport from three years of self-imposed exile in the United States.

The military said that Galman was able to penetrate a 2,000-strong military cordon dressed in a blue airport employee's uniform and shot *the* opposition leader in the back of the head as Aquino was being led across the tarmac to a military van. Within seconds Galman died in a hail of military bullets. At the trial the prosecution claimed Galman was a scapegoat and that the real assassin was a soldier. But the judges said there was a reasonable basis to conclude that communist rebels ordered the murder in an attempt to discredit the Marcos Government.

They discounted the testimony of the star prosecution witness, Miss Rebecca Quijano, *who said she saw a soldier* shoot Aquino as he was escorted down the plane's service stairs.

The court's 100-page decision said all 26 defendants had incurred no criminal or civil liability in connection with Aquino's death or the killing of Galman,

General Ver's acquittal was widely predicted when the Supreme Court in June threw out vital evidence used to indict him and seven others as accessories to the killing. The evidence consisted almost entirely of their testimony to a fact-finding board last year, which the Supreme Court ruled inadmissible because they had not been informed of their rights against self-incrimi*nation.*

The reinstatement of General Ver poses an immediate dilemma for Mr Marcos. Washington has made no secret of its preference for the *general's stand-in for the past* 14 months, the West Point-trained Lieutenant-General Fidel Ramos.

During a visit to Manila last month Senator Paul Laxalt, *US presidential* envoy, warned Mr Marcos of a "fire storm" in Congress if General Ver was returned to office for an extended period.

A statement by Mr Marcos *said the general would resume* his duties "for such period as may be decided upon by me and on the advice of the senior officers of the armed forces".

Appointed Chief of Staff in *1981, General Ver is* seen by the Reagan Administration as symptomatic of the general malaise in the poorly equipped and badly led armed forces, which have been accused of *widespread human rights abuses.*

Billed as the "trial of the century" when the hearing began in February, the hearings ended in September with a whimper, the public's enthusiasm sapped by legal wrangles and a lackadaisical prosecution.

Witnesses disappeared – some have never been found – other vital testimony was recanted and, despite the presence of scores of photographs, a closed-circuit monitoring system and television crews at the airport on the day of the killing, no footage or photographs of the actual murder surfaced.

Missing, and presumed dead, are Galman's common *law wife, his girlfriend,* her sister and a close male friend.

The trial was conducted by a special tribunal created by Mr Marcos in 1978 to try government officials. Its judges are all Marcos appointees.

General Ver looking confident as he awaits yesterday's court verdict

Before yesterday's verdicts Mr Marcos publicly blamed the killing on the communists and said on nationwide television he was convinced no soldier was involved. He referred to "perjured witnesses", expressed belief in the eventual exoneration of General Ver and said the charges were "fraught with doubt and great contradiction of opinion and testimony".

Public scepticism about the government's determination to *pursue the military* conspiracy theory was only fuelled by the way the 17 principal accused were treated during the trial. Instead of being sent to prison they were held in spacious *military barracks.*

Cardinal fears violent reaction

Manila (AFP) – Cardinal Jaime Sin, the Roman Catholic Primate of the Philippines, yesterday said the Aquino conspiracy trial verdicts could result in violence.

He said the "flagrant disparity" between the conclusions reached by a citizens' board that investigated the Aquino murder and yesterday's verdicts "threatens to push our country to the brink of violence and despair".

"It seems that an historic opportunity to restore the credibility of government and to satisfy our peoples' aspirations *for truth and justice was lost."*

● SAN FRANCISCO: Miss Rebecca Quijano, who told the trial she saw a soldier shoot Aquino, says she was offered a two million peso (£68,000) bribe to change her testimony (AP reports).

The *San Francisco Examiner* said Miss Quijano was also offered a free house in the Philippines and a private plane

Plea confusion as Cyprus marina killings trial opens

Nicosia (AP) – A Briton and two Palestinians went on trial yesterday on charges of murdering three *Israelis* on board a yacht in the Larnaca marina in south Cyprus last September.

Each of the three accused replied, "I admit the killing", but repeatedly refused to respond *directly* when asked whether he was pleading innocent or guilty to charges of premeditated murder.

After a brief recess the three-man court ordered that the record *should show* the three accused had pleaded innocent through their refusal to admit guilt.

The triple murder on september 25 led to a series of incidents *with widespread* international repercussions which included the Israeli raid on the PLO headquarters in Tunis and, apparently, the hijacking of the Achille Lauro.

The prosecuting *counsel,* Mr Kypros Kyprianou, referred to the wider implications of the triple murder in his opening address.

"In recent years international peace has *often* been convulsed by actions of political violence expressed in various ways, and almost always taking the form f appalling outrageous acts of international terrorism, varying from hijacking or priacy to cold-blooded premeditated murder," he declared.

Mr Kyprianou added that he did not propose "to attribute any political colouring to this case".

"The prosecution willnot look into theotives behind the present case, thus carefully avoiding turning the temple of justice into a platform of poltical discussion and thus poison the calm atmosphere of the court," he said.

The accused are Khalid Abdul Kadir al-Khatib, aged 28, a student with a Syrian passport; Abdul Hakim Saado al-Khalifa, aged 29, a labourer *with a Jordanian* passport and Ian Michael Davison, aged 27, a carpenter with a British passport, from South Shields.

Mr Kyprianou told the court that the three accused had arrived in Cyprus from Athens separately on different days, posing as tourists. They met an unidentified accomplice who supplied them with weapons and drove them to the Larnaca marina shortly before dawn on September 25, "for the execution of the well-planned extermination of their victims."

Khatib and Davison entered *the yacht, asking the two men* on board to lie down on the floor of the small cabin, while Khalifa stood guard on the dockside, Mr Kyprianou said.

"Then Esther (one of the Israelis) came out of the (yacht) bedroom into the front of the boat holding a small knife and screaming, "help, help, they want to kill us'."

US admits Malta link

Washington. – The Reagan Administration has admitted, that three military officers travelle on a transport plane to Malta with Egyptian commandos who carried out an assault on the hijacked Egyptian airliner nine days ago (Christopher Thomas writes). Sixty people died in the hijack and assault.

Officials said the three officers were not specialist in counter-terrorism and did not *take part in the effort to retake* the plane. The senior officer was named as General Robert Wiggin, who oversees US military programmes in Egypt.

They were sent primarily as a gesture of political support. "These three men represented US moral support for Egypt".

● CAIRO: Egypt has signalled an easing of tension on its frontier with Libya by allowing som troops to take leave, according to military sources (Reuter reports).

Defence to escape Israel budget cuts

From Ian Murray, Jerusalem

The Israeli Cabinet ended a gruelling *eleven-hour* session with agreement on ways of trimming $400 million (£270 million) from next year's budget. But another tough meeting lies ahead to find a further $200 million in cuts to bring the total budget down to the $21.2 billion level bought by the Finance Ministry.

Israel needs about $11 billion each year just to service its debts, so half of the money it raises cannot be spent by the Government.

Despite the agreed cuts it looks as though the Defence *Ministry has* escaped virtually unscathed and will continue to be able to spend about a quarter of the available money. Mr Shimon Peres, the Prime Minister, led opposition to proposals to cut *$180 million* from defence. Although it was agreed to a $100 million cuts this simple covers a projects for building airport facilities which will now be scrapped.

The overall cuts have largely been made possible by slashing $120 million from subsidies on basic commodities and another $70 million from export subsidies.

● WASHINGTON: Mr Shultz, has quickly and warmly welcomed Israel's apology over the Polard affair (Mohsin Ali writes).

He described Israel's apology statement on Sunday as "excellent".

"We are satisfied by it and wholeheartedly welcome it," he told reporters. "We have been assured that they will provide us with access to the individuals who are knowledgeable about the case and that Israel will give us a full report on the extent of whatever activities their investigation reveals to have taken place."

● Spy talks: Mr George Shultz, the US Secretary of State, rang, Mr Shimon Peres at 3am on Sunday to discuss the affair of Mr Jonathan Pollard, accused of spying for Israel, the Prime Minister revealed yesterday.

It was after the telephone call that he drafted the apology agreed by the Israeli Cabinet.

Chairman of Carbide may face charge

From Michael Hamlyn
Delhi

India's Central Bureau of Investigation – a federal detective agency – plans to frame charges soon against Mr Warren Anderson, the chairman of Union Carbide, and other top officials of the company's Indian subsidiary, whose factory in Bhopal emitted a cloud of poisonous gas a year ago, killing as many as 2,500 people.

Bureau officials told the United News of India news agency that charges will take a few more weeks to frame, and would be based on the reports of their investigation at the site.

Last night, as thousands of people converged on the plant in a torchlight procession marking the exact time the cloud of gas crept over the sleeping city 12 months ago, police said they had arrested more than 150 "anti-social elements", who might have been expected to make trouble during the protests.

"We have made extensive arrangements to tackle any situation," the state police chief, Mr B. J. Mukherjee, said. "We are prepared to deal with any eventuality."

A strike called for today by the protestors is likely to be more effective as a result of the state government of Madhya Pradesh giving all its employees the day off.

In the federal parliament yesterday the Vice-President, Mr R. Venkataraman, said in the Upper House that he hoped there would never be a repetition of this "man-made, enormous tragedy."

The Minister of State for Chemicals, Mr R. K. Jaichandra Singh, told the House that the central government had so far given 400 million rupees (£23.5 million) to help the victims.

Uganda to send Astles back to UK

Kampala (AP)– Bob Astles, British-born former aide of the dictator Idi Amin, renounced his Ugandan citizenship yesterday and Government sources said he would be freed and deported to Britain in the next few days.

Mr Astles, who gave his age as 62, signed a document renouncing the citizenship he took while serving Amin.

Known during the Amin years as "Major Bob", Mr Astles was a notorious figure during the bloody and chaotic rule from 1971 to 1979. He has been imprisoned since June 5, 1979. He fled into Kenya as Amin was ousted in April 1979, but the Kenyans returned him

Mr Astles was one of a small number of political prisoners kept in Luzira prison after the current military government took power last July

PRISONERS OF CONSCIENCE

Singapore:

Chia Thye Poh

Chia Thye Poh has been a political prisoner for the past 19 years. Never brought to trial, he has been held under repeated two-year detention orders of Singapore's Internal Security Act.

Before his arrest on October 29, 1966, after a big demonstration against US involvement in Vietnam, Chia Thye Poh had been an MP of the opposition party Barisan Sosialis. He was one of nine members of the party who resigned their seats in October, *1966, in protest at what they* maintained was continuing harassment of the party's activities.

The authorities have repeatedly tried to extract a confession from Chia Thye Poh. In the words of a statement in May of this year by the Minister of Home Affairs, Mr Shanmugam Jayakumar, they wish him to admit he was a member of the Communist Party of Malaya "specifically instructed by the CPM to penetrate the Barisan Sosialis and engage in Communist *United Front* agitation to destabilize the Government ... by mounting a series of illegal demonstrations and industrial strikes."

Chia Thye Poh has refused to speak. If he does so, however, the authorities have said he will be released.

Chia Thye Poh: Silent for 19 years

South African rand slumps to new low

From Michael Hornsby, Johannesburg

The South African rand fell to an unprecedented low against sterling yesterday, and also remained weak against the US dollar, despite a firmer gold price and the decline of the dollar against most other currencies.

The rand's weakness is seen as reflecting continued pessimism in international financial circles about the chances of real political change and significant moves towards the dismantling of Apartheid which might calm black unrest.

At one point yesterday, the pound was worth 4.20 "commercial" rand, the rate for most transactions, and 4.71 "financial" rand, the even lower, unsupported rate which anyone wishing to take money out of the country is required to pay.

Last year the pound on average was worth 1.95 rand, and 1.69 rand in 1983, Four years ago, a rand 1.25 US dollars. Yesterday the commercial rand hovered between 36 and 37 US cents, and the financial rand between 31 and 32 cents.

The rand's collapse began at the end of August after a speech by President Botha which had been billed as an announcement of far-reaching reforms but contained little of substance. *The,* Government then imposed a moratorium on repayment of short-term debts.

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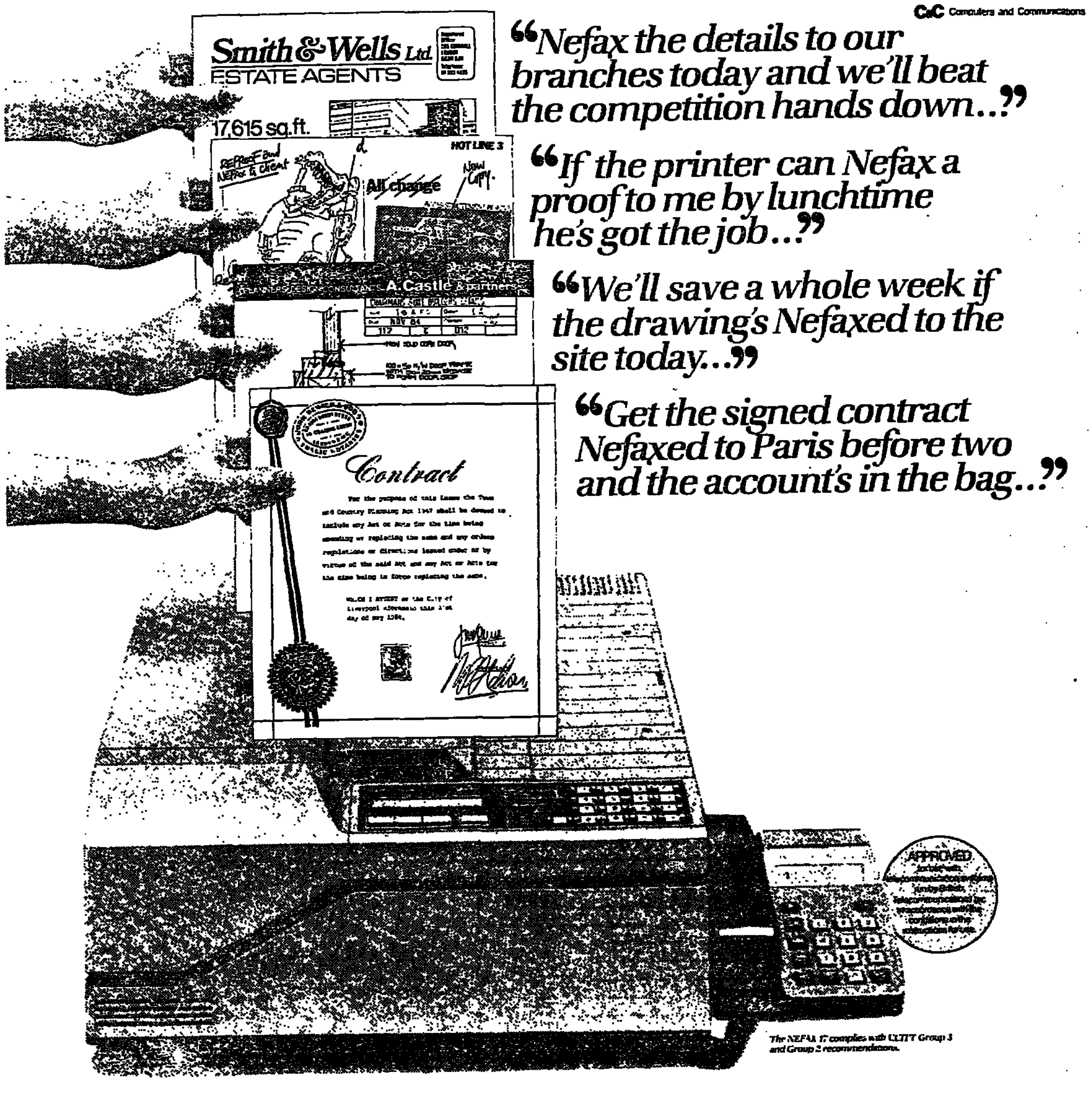
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Failure of WEU states to find new life deplored by president

From Diana Geddes, Paris

Discontent over the failure of the seven member governments of the Western European Union to follow through their intention to to give the body a new impetus, was expressed by the President of the organization's assembly yesterday.

The president, M Jean Narie Caro, of France, was speaking at the opening of the assembly's four-day session in Paris. The union is the only European body with competence to discuss defence matters.

M Caro said that at their meeting in Rome in October 1984, the ministers for foreign affairs and defence of the member countries (Britain, France, Italy, West Germany, Belgium, Holland and Luxembourg) had adopted the Rome Declaration asserting their will to breathe new life into the 30-year-odd moribund organization, and to "seek to harmonize their views" on defence matters.

A year later, however, "the activities of the WEU council of ministers make one wonder about the reality of the governments' will to make WEU really active," he said. Indeed, he wondered whether certain member governments had not actually changed their minds about wanting to relaunch the union.

Three weeks ago, for example, the ministers of defence and foreign affairs of member countries totally failed in their attempt to bring a coordinated European response to the American Star Wars challenge. Examination of matters relating to disarmament, another of the questions the WEU was supposed to be discussing, had never been started.

The union's budget (around £26 million) remained "derisory" and, far from being increased in line with the proposed increase in the organization's activities, had actually been cut in real terms.

Contacts between the assembly and the union's council (of ministers) had been excellent at the level of the president of the assembly and the two successive chairmen-in-office but has not been so good where the council as a whole was concerned, however, many of the parliamentarians were most dissatisfied with the council's action over the past year, and saw the promised reactivation of the union as more words than deeds, M Caro said.

● **BRUSSELS:** Considerable improvements in Nato's conventional forces were announced for 1986 by the European defence ministers in Brussels yesterday before today's two-day meeting of Nato's defence ministers (Frederick Bonnart writes).

About 500 modern main battle tanks and 400 other armoured vehicles will go into service next year, anti-armour defences are to be improved and 100 heavy guns and surface-to-surface missiles as well as 800 mobile air defence missiles are being deployed.

Some 250 new aircraft will be added to the inventory and airfield defences are to be strenghtened by the introduction of additional air defence missiles. Nato's European navies will receive an additional aircraft carrier, four modern vessels and destroyers, 10 mine warfare vessels and three submarines.

● **EAST BERLIN:** The East German Defence Minister, General Heinz Hoffman, aged 75, died of heart failure yesterday, but Warsaw Pact military leaders decided to go ahead with a planned meeting he was due to host (Reuter reports).

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American states meet

Bogotá finds support for Cuba's re-entry

From Geoffrey Matthews, Bogotá

Cuba's readmission to the Organization of American States is to be proposed by Colombia during a three-day extraordinary meeting of the body which opened yesterday in the Colombian city of Cartagena.

The meeting was formally opened by Colombian President Betancur, whose Government also planned to propose a number of reforms to the OAS charter, despite expected opposition from the United States which was represented by the Secretary of State, Mr George Shultz.

Cuban membership of the OAS has long been opposed by Washington, but the Colombian proposal is supported by Mexico, Peru, and Nicaragua, and they will find further support from Argentina, Brazil, Uruguay and Ecuador whose governments have responded cautiously but positively to recent overtures from Havana to improve relations.

In particular the declarations of President Castro of Cuba on the Latin-American foreign debt crisis – the debtor nations simply cannot pay it off, he says – has struck a receptive chord in many parts of the region.

Central America was also set to occupy considerable time at the meeting, but there was obvious irritation over the absence of Nicaragua's Foreign Minister, Father Miguel D'Escoto, who is currently visiting the Far East.

Some observers predicted that the absence of Father D'Escoto could paralyze the already-stalled Contadora peace initiative in Central America, since all the Contadora group countries (Mexico, Colombia, Venezuela and Panama) are represented at Cartagena, as are the members of the newly-formed Contadora support group (Argentina, Brazil, Peru and Uruguay).

At the opening session Colombia reportedly criticized Mr Shultz for charges he had made before arriving that the Colombian terrorist group, the April 19 Movement (M19) has links with the Sandinista Government in Nicaragua. Mr Shultz was bluntly told that he had no right to speak for Colombia.

President Betancur: to initiate reforms

Change in BBC funding

The funding of BBC External Services has been changed to allow more effective forward planning, the BBC has announced in London.

For the past 45 years money for BBC broadcasts overseas has been granted by Parliament on a yearly basis, but now it has been decided that both the external broadcasting and monitoring services should be able to plan up to three years ahead. As a result budgets have been agreed to March, 1988.

The former "financial straightjacket made it difficult to organize broadcasting to more than 120 million listeners in 37 different languages", Mr Stuart Young, the BBC's chairman said.

Mr Reagan, flanked by his daughter Maureen (left) and Mrs Reagan, with some of the stars at yesterday's tribute. They are (from left): Ben Vereen, Monty Hall, Frank Sinatra, Burt Reynolds, Dean Martin, Vin Scully, Eydie Gorme and Steve Lawrence.

Stars ladle out schmaltz for 'Dutch' Reagan

From Trevor Fishlock
New York

President Reagan, bathing in the admiration of his old Hollywood friends, confided that when he was first elected to the White House he had had a fantasy in which he picked a "dream Cabinet".

"You know ... John Wayne as Secretary of State, Clint Eastwood at Defence, Jack Benny as Secretary of the Treasury, Groucho Marx at Education." He did not mention Rambo.

Mr Reagan was in his element. He was guest of honour at a Hollywood charity dinner and show entitled "All-star party for Dutch Reagan". Everyone called him Dutch and the use of his old nickname set the informal reunion tone.

His father dubbed him Dutch because, as a baby, he apparently looked like "a little fat Dutchman" and at school and in his early broadcasting and acting career Mr Reagan preferred the nickname to his given name.

No town produces schmaltz as Hollywood does. It is to Hollywood what spring water is to Vichy. It was ladled in generous quantities. As entertainers never tire of repeating, there's no business like show business.

Frank Sinatra opened proceedings by remarking that the Reagans, his friends of long standing, were the only members of the old Hollywood crowd now living in public housing. Then he crooned to them "Have yourself a merry little Christmas".

Dean Martin administered extreme unction, serenading Mr Reagan with "Mr Wonderful". Charlton Heston told him: "To the world you are America".

Mr Reagan, in relaxed old-trouper mode, demonstrated that while he may have left Hollywood, Hollywood has not left him.

He recounted one of his favourite anecdotes – the days the news agency wire broke down. As a radio announcer he used to read the reports from baseball gamesand breathe life into them as if he were on the spot. The day the wire failed he invented the action untill the fault was repaired.

All of this, and much more, was recorded for a one-hour television show. An international choir of children dressed in national costume sang "Let there be peace on Earth" – and held hands and encircled the Reagans' table, and Mr Reagan said he would have liked to have taken them to Geneva.

Mr Reagan had earlier flown to his California ranch with the First Lady, Mrs Nancy Reagan andthe first dog, his sheepdog Lucky, for the Thanksgiving holiday.

At the close of the charity gala it was plain that no force on earth could stop the massed entertainers gathering around Dutch and singing the inevitable "Auld Lang Syne". The cup of schmaltz overflowed.

Families held hostage in £6m robbery

From Diana Geddes
Paris

In one of the biggest criminal "cops" in France for more than a decade, armed gangsters got away with an estimated 70 million francs(£6 million) from the headquarters of a security firm in a suburb of Paris yesterday, after forcing two of the employees to unlock th company's safe deposit doors while holding their families hostage.

The operation, carried out by 10 armed men in bullet-proof vests and using "walky-tlky" radios, started at 9pm on Sunday, when the gunmen burst in at the home of an employee of the Brink's Security Co. in the Hauts-de-Seine, taking his wife and 10-year-old son hostage. He was forced at gun-point to go to the company's headquarters at Colombes in the north-west suburbs of Paris.

It appears, however, that the gangsters failed to get all they wanted from that employee, because at 4 am they decided to take a second employee's famil hostage – a mother and her 20-year-old son, while the father was again taken at gun-point to unlock doors at the firm's headquarters.

When five security guards turned up for work at 5 am, they were in their turn taken hostage before the gangsters made their get-away in a waiting van. No one as injured.

It was the sixteenth time this year that armed robberies have been carried out against security companies in France. seven people, including two policemen, were killed during the previous raids.

Ethiopia halts agency's work in row over resettlement

Addis Ababa (AP) – The Ethiopian Government announced yesterday that it was halting the operations of Médecins sans Frontières and taking over the French-based relief agency's programmes.

The action came after a bitter six-week dispute between the Government's Relief and Rehabilitation Commission and Médecins sans Frontières, which had criticized aspects of the Ethiopian famine relief effort.

Mr Berhane Deressa, the RRC's deputy commissioner, said agency staff members "are not doing their work since they started this campaign. The people they are supposed to be serving are suffering as a result".

The RRC statement said "the politically-motivated allegations by MSF against the humanitarian endeavours of the RRC, as well as its refusal to follow norms and procedures established with other NGOs (non-governmental organizations) has not only cast doubts on the motives of the organization but also seriously undermined their field work at the shelters."

Because of this, the statement said, it was "decided to discontinue the services of MSF".

Mr Berhane, in an interview, said the Government did not intend to expell individual MSF staff members and indicated they would be permitted to join other relief agencies.

The RRC issued a lengthy statment on Sunday claiming the agency has made false allegations which threatened to undermine the relief effort. It denied claims that tens of thousands of people had died as a result of Ethiopia's resettlement programme and that an MSF application to open an emergency feeding centre had been rejected.

M Michel Fizsbin, director of the Médecins sans Frontières office in Ethiopia, said earlier yesterday that the Government had grounded a plane used by MSF and indicated it may bar the entry of replacements for its staff.

He said MSF has been working in Ethiopia since spring 1984 and now has 29 staff members in the country, including seven doctors.

Princess starts Sudan tour

Princess Anne arrived in Khartoum yesterday to start a one-week visit to Sudan as president of the Save the Children Fund.

She will tour refugee camps in east and west Sudan, where the fund provides food and health care for tens of thousands of refugee children from Ethiopia, its province of Eritrea, and Chad. She will also open a British-funded power station which will supply Khartoum with over half its electricity needs.

Honecker's living room spies exposed

Bonn (Reuter) – A spy-hunter who defected to the East Berlin betrayed two Western agents who had worked their way into the personal circle of Herr Erich Honecker, the East German leader, the weekly magazine *Quick* reported yesterday.

It said Herr Hansjoachim Tiedge, who fled in August, had robbed West Germany of two of its best spies and cut off a flow of information "right from Honecker's living room".

The report, released in advance of publication, said the magazine's information came from a closed-door parliamentary inquiry into the series of espionage scandals this summer.

Government officials refused to comment; but the former head of West Germany's intelligence service, Herr Heribert Hellenbroich, indicated that the report may have touched a raw nerve.

Quick said the two agents, both East Germans, were a man and wife team. The husband had been a senior Communist Party official and both had had regular personal contacts with Herr Honecker.

The magazine said Herr Tiedge had been in charge of the two agents while working as a senior official in Bonn's counter-intelligence service. They had been arrested shortly after he defected and would probably face execution on charges of treason.

● **KARLSRUHE:** A 62-year-old West German and his son aged 34 have been arrested on suspicion of spying for East Germany, the federal prosecutor's office here disclosed yesterday (AP reports).

A second son, aged 25, is suspected of participating in the spying activities but "his role is believed to be minor" and he is not being held.

Vatican hedges on unity hopes

From Peter Nichols, Rome

Cardinal Willebrands, the head of the Vatican's Secretariat for Christian Unity, said yesterday that the meeting of the Vatican's special synod of bishops could have important ecumenical significance.

But he avoided questions on what might emerge during the final week of the synbod's work which could further Christian unity.

He attached much weight to the fact that 10 observers from other Christian churches were present. The object of the synod was, he pointed out, to promote throughout the Catholic world, the teachings of the Second Vatian Council which closed 20 years ago. And the presence of these non-Catholic observers meant that the review of the Vatican council's work went beyond the Catholic Church itself.

He surprised a crowded press conference by showing little fighting spirit in attempting to prevent the threatened demotion of the sevretariat in the project now before the Pope for reform of the Church's administration.

The essential point of this reform as it affects ecumenism, is that secretariats will be abolished. The alternative facing the Christian unity body is demotion to the rank of a council or promotion to the level of a congregation. The dotion, moreover, might well include an arragement by which the ex-secretariat would be placed under the authority of the Sacred Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, the former Holy Office, and so lose its autonomy to a traditionally conservative superior.

Cardinal Willebrands merely said that the matter was still in dispute, and even among his own staff there were differences of opinion.

Legal threat to Paris protest fair

Paris (AFP) – About 50 policemen yesterday struggled to keep two elephants off the historical Tuileries gardens at the foot of the Louvre, where a travelling circus and gypsies have set up an illegal fair to draw the Governent's attention to their plight.

About 500 demonstrators set up the fair – which includes a big wheel, a roller coaster, shooting ranges and dodgem cars – before dawn had broken over the Tuileries, a 16th-century royal garden and now a leading tourist haunt.

The two elephants were leading a procession of one of France's most famous circuses as it joined the fair. Already about 300 vehicles, including cranes, had set up shop among the garden's statues.

The roving amusement park workers, known as *forains*, say their profession is endangered because in more than half of France's cities they are forbidden to set up fairs.

Government officials are more afraid that the demonstration, which the protestors plan to continue until January, will damage the historic grounds. They are threatening to take the offenders to court.

M Marcel Campion, president of the Forain Trade Association, said: "There are 50,000 small travelling traders with stalls in France, feeding a total of 300,000 people, but we are being squeezed out of existence."

M Jean-Pierre Weiss, director of the national heritage organization, said: "The sandy grounds of the Tuileries are not fit for setting up heavy material."

Ships pile up in blocked St Lawrence Seaway

From John Best, Ottawa

The St Lawrence seaway remained closed to traffic yesterday as workmen struggled to repair a lift bridge 20 miles south-west of Montreal that was damaged when an Indian cargoship hit it on Friday.

Forty-seven ships were already held up by the accident, which catapulted three lorries and a car, including two occupants of one of the lorries, into the freezing waters of the Beauharnois Canal.

The two men clung to floating railway sleepers for 20 minutes before being rescued. They escaped with minor cuts and bruises.

Seaway officials voiced the hope that the railway and road bridge could be sufficiently repaired to enable ships to start moving through the canal by today.

The seaway is scheduled to close on December 15 for the winter but officials said that the closing date could be delayed

The disruption is the third one in 12 months on the seaway, which allows ocean-going ships to sail to the Great Lakes

Chatwin held for trial in Spain

Madrid – A judge in Denia, near Benidorm, ordered Midlands jeweller Robert Chatwin, aged 43, to go to prison pending trial on charges involving falsification of car documents (Harry Debelius writes).

Mr Chatwin, wanted by Scotland Yard for questioning since he closed his shops in the Midlands and arrived in Spain with a large quantity of jewels, will be transferred from Denia to a modern prison in Alicante.

Another Briton, Anthony Gilson, and a Spanish woman were both released by the judge. They had been detained with Mr Chatwin last Wednesday in connection with inquiries into a stolen car ring.

Belgrade attacks Sofia census

Belgrade (AP) – Accusing Bulgaria of a campaign to assimilate minorities, the Yugoslav news agency Tanjug alleged that in a census this month citizens of different nationality will not have a chance to "declare themselves as non-Bulgarians".

Turkey has charged that the Bulgarians forced the 90,000-strong Turkish minority to change their names, and Yugoslavia has long been at odds with Bulgaria over the Macedonians, whom Sofia will not recognize as a separate nation.

Link broken

Sydney – The right of Australians to appeal to the Privy Council in Britain has passed into history with the parliamentary passage of two Bills which will now go to the Govenor-General – one of the last remaining constitutional links with Britain – for formal approval.

Tehran ban

Iran's first Prime Minister after the overthrow of the Shah in 1979, Mr Mehdi Bazargan, has been ordered by a Tehran court not to leave the city until he has been tried on a charge that he insulted the supporters of Ayatollah Khomeini by saying that last August's presidential election was not free.

Soviet switch

Moscow (AP) – The Supreme Soviet has retired Mr Lev Volodarsky, 74-year-old head of the Central Statistical Administration, and replaced him with his deputy, Mr Mikhail Korolyov, aged 54. The agency monitors economic performance and fulfilment of industrial targets.

Plane released

Nairobi (Reuter) – Ugandan rebels have released a Uganda Airlines aircraft which was hijacked last month and forced to land in guerrilla-held territory. The Kenya News Agency said the Fokker Friendship plane had arrived in Nairobi after pleas for its release by President Moi.

Basque freed

Jose Garcia Ramirez, one of three Basque ETA suspects extradited by France last year, was allowed to go free yesterday by a Madrid court which found there was not enough evidence to convict him of involvement in the murder of four Civil Guards.

Tokyo boast

Tokyo – The "Middle Core" left-wing group has claimed responsibility for the attacks on the Japanese railways on Friday which paralysed commuter lines in Tokyo and Osaka. The group is violently opposed to the expansion of Narita airport.

Cabinet return

Ottawa – Mr Marcel Masse has returned to his former job as Minister of Communications in the Conservative Cabinet of Mr Brian Mulroney, after being cleared of election expense irregularities.

Too much sex

Tokyo (Reuter) – About 80 per cent of Japanese think sex is too vividly portrayed in their magazines and TV shows, a government survey reported.

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Television

The masque of time

This Land of England (Channel 4) has relied too heavily upon certain specious analogies between a relatively unknowable past and an insufficiently imagined present; but if its arguments have not always been secure, at least its images have been consistently interesting. The series has been concerned with that most elusive of phenomena, the passage of time, and by the ingenious presentation of contrasts and similarities it has been able, fitfully, to evoke it.

The thrust of this last programme was itself interesting, however – especially when it left the rustic delights of Bury St Edmunds to deal with the growth and power of the metropolis. It offered an account of London primarily as a "market", albeit of a specialized kind: this was a market, according to one commentator, conducted "by word of mouth, not by touch or anything else". This at once suggested the "unreal city" of the poet, a place of voices only, a mysterious presence located in the contemporary Eurodollar market no less than in the crowded Exchange of the eighteenth century. These programmes have been concerned with the nature of continuity, after all.

Spike Milligan's humour is obviously an acquired taste – how else to explain the audience on the set of *The Last Laugh Before TV-am* (Channel 4) cackling hysterically at the most witless jokes? It all seemed sadly dated in conception: there was some humour at the expense of the Queen, and of course her dogs, which was clearly meant to convey Mr Milligan's "anarchic" or even "anti-establishment" persona.

There was also some conventional comic business to do with the fact that Mr Milligan was looking at the wrong camera – this was no doubt meant to convey the fact that he is not just another television personality. And no doubt there are some people who see him as a loveable old eccentric. This reviewer, however, was not amused.

Peter Ackroyd

Rock

The Untouchables

Camden Palace

With their recent success in the British charts, the Untouchables from Los Angeles achieved an unusual "coals to Newcastle" feat, their sound and image being a stylish revamp of those associated with the Midlands-based 2-Tone label which enjoyed a peak of favour in Britain in 1979.

The Untouchables have taken the same twitchy Sixties ska rhythms so beloved by such groups as the Specials, Madness and the Selecter, added the reggae and dub nuances of, say, UB40 and thrown in a measure of their own LA rap/funk roots to produce an entertaining if unoriginal variation on a theme that never took hold in the United States.

Not only did their performance hold true to the genre's tradition of riotous enthusiasm on stage, but also gave evidence of a degree of technical sophistication considerably in advance of that displayed by the British pioneers in their heyday. Not one of Clyde Grimes's spectacular leaps in the air caused him to miss a note on his guitar; nor did the intricate unison movements of the two-man horn section ever impinge on the crisply arranged trumpet and trombone parts, while Glenn Symmonds's twirling left-hand stick never dropped on anything but a perfectly placed beat. The pogoing presence of the burly Jerry Miller in his sunglasses and pork-pie hat contrasted with Chuck Askerneese's swirling dreadlocks and sporty rasta outfit as the two shared vocals throughout the pleasingly varied set.

Familiar themes such as the need for racial harmony and fear of nuclear war were expressed through songs ranging from the dense, mournful reggae of "Lasershow", dramatically underpinned by laser effects conveniently on hand at the Palace, to the frantic rap and musical jocularity of "City Gent". While the singles "Free Yourself" and "(I Spy for the) FBI" met with the surest audience response, "Freak in the Streets" with its huge punchy bass riff, discreetly built walls of brass and taut dance dynamic, was the best of many good shots. The memory of 2-Tone could not have been better revived.

David Sinclair

Sade

Albert Hall

For almost an hour, Sade Adu and her musicians reproduced the chic minimalism of their records with such detached precision and consistency that the songs could have been hung in series on the white walls of the Saatchi gallery across town.

Ticking conga drums and deadpan organ chords set up the prevailing mood of restrained passion in the opening piece, Timmy Thomas's "Why Can't We Live Together?", as Miss Adu took her place in blood-red sequinned bolero, high-waisted black velvet trousers and a white shirt – a sort of South Molton Street suit of lights.

She and the band, nine strong on this tour, remained as motionless as their airy, seductive songs. "Smooth Operator" "The Sweetest Taboo" and "Hang on to Your Love" are built on dance rhythms expertly interpreted by the rhythm section, but the dance they propose is the famous French version of the Twist, that barely perceptible movement of hips and shoulders known to the *yé-yé* crowd of 20 years ago as the Slow.

The foil to her imperturbable vanilla-flavoured voice is the spirited jazz improvising of Stuart Matthewman, her co-composer, who as an instrumentalist is busy creating a relationship between the tenor saxophone and the female voice analagous to those enjoyed by Lester Young and Billie Holiday, King Curtis and Aretha Franklin, and Stan Getz and Astrud Gilberto. Leroy Osbourne's mobile falsetto singing, Paul Denman's liquid bass-guitar and Gordon Hunte's bluesy guitar are other assets, as was the rare sense communicated by the musicians of what fun it is to play in a band.

Perhaps the concert could have used greater variety of tone and pacing, but a slight unbuttoning during the final half-hour showed what potential there is in the band's composing and Miss Adu's singing, notably in "Is it a Crime?", which borrows intelligently from Marvin Gaye's "I Want You" and, on this performance, showed the singer to be capable of matching its dynamic contrasts by shading her timbre and judging her phrasing with real finesse.

Richard Williams

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The classical delights of patronage

Thomas Howard, Earl of Arundel
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The great collector: the Earl of Arundel, with the Countess, in Van Dyck's Madagascar Portrait

The collapse of classical education has perhaps induced a corresponding decline in the relatively informed interest in the visual arts. To be an artist in Britain is often to be in exile. Yet the British have a long and great tradition of collecting as **Thomas Howard Earl of Arundel**, an excellent exhibition at the Ashmolean Museum, Oxford, clearly illustrates.

There is an added piquancy to the Ashmolean show. "The Fallen Giant" from the frieze of the Great Altar of Zeus at Pergamon, one of the prize pieces of the Arundel marbles and normally on permanent view at the Ashmolean, is at Christie's this week. Though some prices may catch the antiques headlines, the sale will undoubtedly underline how little we value the antique in comparison with our ancestors.

Many of Arundel's acquisitions could be seen as bad investments, but fortunately he would never have indulged in such a mundane late twentieth century consideration. The exhibition gives an idea of the range of collections briefly brought together by England's, and perhaps even Europe's, first important private collector. It successfully portrays him as an extremely erudite man, by repeating his image again and again through the eyes of artists like Rubens, Van Dyck and Dieussart.

In his portraits he is invariably surrounded by his most valued pieces. Thus in Van Dyck's "Madagascar Portrait", a bronze head on the right mirrors the aristocratic profile. It is in fact not yet another image of Thomas Howard, but the "Arundel Homer" probably bought in the Eastern Mediterranean. It is now thought to depict Sophocles and not the author of *The Iliad*, but its uncanny resemblance to the English lord is revealing. Often scruffily dressed, Arundel adopted a "primitive nobility". His learning and love of the arts were a natural and vital part of his life.

Ironically the need for patrons in this country has never been so acute; never before has Britain possessed such a wealth of artists. Three of the most famous, Bacon, Hodgkin and Kitaj have had sensational shows this year; but their success over the years has been underpinned by foreigners. The difficulty for living artists is that they either achieve an international reputation or they don't survive. Three who are currently making a bid for such recognition are Maurice Cockrill, Ken Kiff and Hugh Davies.

Arundel was an inspiration to artists. It is even argued that Rubens took Christ's head in the "Descent from the Cross in Antwerp" from the "Fallen Giant". Maurice Cockrill in his turn owes a debt to Rubens's "Mars, Venus and Cupid" in Berlin in his present series of "Venus and Mars". An unexpected side-effect of the end of the classics' stranglehold on our education is that the artists are paying a renewed interest in mythology. Having freed the stories from the pedantry of the schoolroom, painters are once again feeding on their rich content.

Bacon seized on the Greek tragedies, abstracting the undiluted terror of the Furies and the bleeding guilt of Oresteia. Cockrill pounces on the emotional content in Venus's conflict with Mars. His knowledge of classical mythology stems from the schoolroom, but his vision has not been distracted by syntax and grammar. He was taught ancient history and not classics. He is not concerned with the details of the stories, but with the power of their imagery.

Cockrill freely admits to stealing from other painters. Rubens provided the crucial key to a theme that has enthralled Cockrill for some 20 years, the relationship between man and woman. In several of the large gouaches, the artist's fluid technique leads us to believe that the conflict between the two figures is about to be resolved in Venus's favour. In the large canvases the state of the struggle is more ambiguous.

In both mediums the artist's brush leads the eye like a darting flame. He is a natural painter. The way his landscape backgrounds interact with the figures may acknowledge Titian; Gainsborough may be insinuated in the turn of the brush, but the result can only be seen as a tribute to painting itself.

Most of the canvases are disappearing for a second exhibition in Dusseldorf, but "Venus and Mars – The Great Night" presides over the London show and reveals some of the riches of the series. Venus's posture is that of the expelled Eve, but her smile has not merely been caused by a bite from an apple. The battle rages within the paint. The intensity is heightened by the exaggeration of the human qualities in the distortion of the bodies.

Hugh Davies's paintings are filled with classical figures. Those in poses that generations of artists have made familiar are contrasted with others, artificially positioned. He uses layers of reference and even those that appear most life-like benefit from the artist's visual library. The man hanging by his foot in "Fear and Trembling in the Court" is partially borrowed from one of Bacon's favourite sources, Muybridge's photographs of wrestlers. He too likes to create a world of uncertainty, and he does this through the highly-staged light. With an armoury of vibrant evening colours, he intimidates the onlooker to squint into the shadows.

Davies has contrived an eerie world, but there are too many distractions in the larger compostions. In details, particularly in the studies of flesh, he has married his piercing colours to some breathtaking brushwork, but there is a tendency to disperse the hard won tension between reality and the ideal.

The paintings and drawings in Ken Kiff's exhibition are certainly not classically inspired. They were all used in 1977 to illustrate a book on folk tales. However, the way these stories fire his imagination is similar to Cockrill's exploitation of classical mythology. The basic plots, which have been passed down orally from generation to generation, are ideal for embellishment. They simply provide a framework for the storyteller. This exhibition shows Ken Kiff at his most narrative. In order to illustrate "Fishing one Sunday he caught old Nick", he understandably lowers the emotional tempo but in his forthcoming Serpentine show the full power of his work will be seen.

The dearth of British collectors began at the beginning of this century. Gwen John is now undeniably popular. The Barbican show had barely ended when Anthony d'Offay produced his third and last studio show. Gwen John fled inhospitable London, where bolder spirits like her brother and Wyndham Lewis fought for a living, and made her artistic home in France. Dozens of gouaches and drawings like "Two women singing in Church" let us share her highly private world. She would not have produced such intimate work in England.

Alistair Hicks

Concert

Right in every detail

LPO/Rattle

Royal Festival Hall

With Stravinsky there are only two kinds of performance: good or bad. He wrote his aversion for "interpretation" into his music, so that all a conductor has to do is get it right – but get it right in every detail, at every moment.

Simon Rattle has an uncanny knack of doing just that, which is why his all-Stravinsky concert last night with the London Philharmonic was such an exciting occasion. Time and again one would be struck by a sound or a section that worked better than usual, only to find that Rattle had quite simply followed the score, taking Stravinsky's oddities of instrumental effect, accentuation or dynamic marking at face value, throwing caution to the winds and producing vivid reimaginations of the printed page in sound.

The Symphony in Three Movements, at the start of the concert, was set ablaze in this manner, though at the centre was a slow movement of graceful precision. When, in a bold but highly effective juxtaposition of sacred and profane, came the Symphony of Psalms, where Mr Rattle encouraged the London Philharmonic Choir to relish the syllables and make no apology for Stravinsky's curious stressing; the resulting clarity of rhythm made the chanting more than ever the soul of the symphony.

The long coda can easily seem a too easily achieved image of eternity, but here the choral lilting was clear, angelic, and there remained the central mystery of the dissonant harmonies quietly but very presently played by trumpets and woodwind. Similarly luminous effects helped the performance of the Mass, though this is not a work for the concert hall, nor one for large mixed choirs.

Finally there was *Petrushka*, given in the leaner 1947 edition and perhaps suffering a little in the outer scenes from shortage of rehearsal time. The dramatic heart of the ballet, however, was all in place, for Mr Rattle's gifts equip him well to convey the double nature of Stravinsky's musical emotions: the extravagance of feeling, and yet the objective character forced on that feeling by the rhythmic machine, the anguish expressed to a disinterested roll on the side drum.

Paul Griffiths

Recital

Cuban master class

Jorge Bolet

Royal Festival Hall

Television master classes may have helped to swell the belated appreciation in Britain of Jorge Bolet's formidable musical personality, but the sheer grandeur of the Cuban playing is only really appreciated face to face.

His skill harks back to a bygone era, both in its unhurried eloquence – most noticeable here in his superbly unified vision of the discursive first movement of Chopin's B minor sonata – and in its command of a wide tonal palette.

Banishing the Festival Hall's customary Steinway in favour of a mild-voiced Bechstein (which would have benefited from proper tuning in advance rather than during the interval) he depicted the guests at Schumann's *Carnaval* with a masterly variety of touch and timbre.

Bolet is prepared to take risks on the concert platform, another refreshing trait which sets him apart from many of his contemporaries. There was an almost improvisatory impulsiveness about the way he ran together contrasting material in *Carnaval* and a similarly instinctive sense of drama guided him to a ferociously aggressive account of the Chopin sonata's scherzo.

Of course, when a pianist refuses to play safe in virtuoso repertoire, technical fluffs are liable to occur. Bolet harvested a fair crop of them. But when his head, heart and fingers were in complete accord he was magnificently persuasive.

Most of the audience, one supposes, came to hear his Liszt, and he did not disappoint. *Bénédiction de Dieu dans la solitude* became an intensive contemplative experience, a perfect balancing of a flexibly moulded melody against its increasingly complex accompaniment.

The cascading scales at the climax of the Balade No 2 gained in impact because Bolet patiently held back his full power until the heroic apotheosis.

Richard Morrison

Opera: Rossini's revival continues with a work written in his youth

Vintage pageantry

Elisabetta

Teatro Regio, Turin

Lella Cuberli (with attendant) in the title role

It has been an exceptional year for Rossini. For once, *Il barbiere*, *Cenerentola* and *L'Italiana* have taken second place to the serious stage works: with the rediscovery of *Il viaggio a Reims*, the revival of *Maometto Secondo* and its Parisian revision, and with the romantic operas more conspicuous than ever, the balance of Rossini's achievement is gradually being recognized.

The new production of *Elisabetta regina d'Inghilterra* at Turin provides further proof that, given the right preparation, the serious Rossini may well be the most satisfying. *Elisabetta* was the opera with which Rossini began his highly productive association with Naples in 1815. Notwithstanding the support of the impresario Barbaia and of the court of King Ferdinand, the 23-year-old composer knew his future at the San Carlo depended on the success or failure of *Elisabetta*. This is the point at which Gianfranco de Bosio approaches the opera in his production at the Teatro Regio.

The stage curtain conjures up the warmth of Naples bay and the proscenium is flanked by a pair of boxes from the San Carlo auditorium. Although the costume designs by Zaira de Vincentiis bear discreet reference to the Elizabethan fan-shaped collar and to the kilts of the Scottish hostages, the splendid visual setting provided by Antonio Niccolini and Franco Mancini is unmistakeably that of the court of the Bourbon king of the Two Sicilies. In this way de Bosio acknowledges that Rossini's prime concern was to embellish Italian operatic convention in a way that would be acceptable to his Neapolitan audience.

Elisabetta was not the first opera in which "Inghilterra" and "Scozia" of the dim and distant past were used as convenient tags on which to hang the music, and this highly fictional tale of Queen Elizabeth's love for Leicester proves as improbable as any.

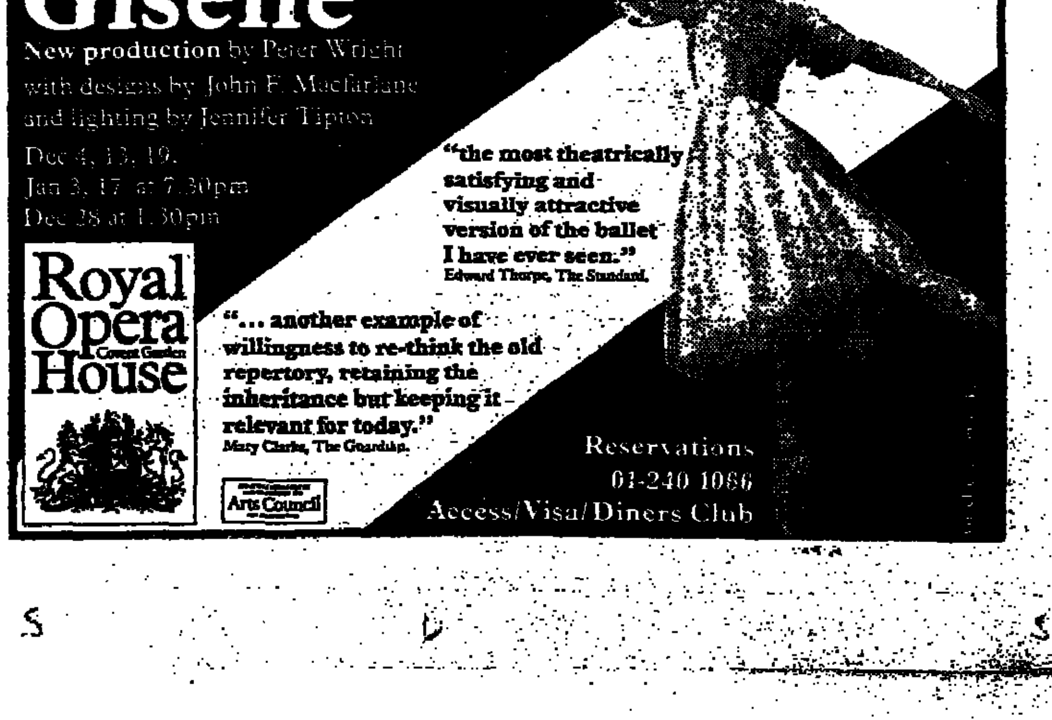
Having made his initial point and illustrated and pageantry of court life in his expert marshalling of forces, de Bosio sensibly allows the music to speak for itself. The title role presents fearsome demands for even the most secure technique. It was written for Isabella Colbran, later to become Rossini's wife. In Lella Cuberli, Turin has chosen a soprano who combines perfectly the roles of queen of Tudor England and queen of early 19th-century Italian coloratura.

Her tall, slim frame, her femininity and ability to contrast public dignity with a more ruffled private temperament give this portrait of royalty a very human face. The voice has a fragile beauty and is quite light. Miss Cuberli never exactly dominates the ensembles. But whatever demands Rossini makes of her – and the decorated line and vocal leaps of her opening and closing scenes are particularly taxing – there is not an ugly or out-of-place note. This realization of the role is far too complete to be regarded as a mere technical tour de force.

A tubby middle-rank Italian tenor, Antonio Savastano, in the role of Leicester was upstaged by the Norfolk of Rockwell Blake, who made a very plausible traitor and negotiated the high tenor lines with spirit and skill. The part of Mathilde, which requires the pretty face and pretty voice of a Valerie Masterson, found neither attribute in Daniela Dessy, in spite of her excellent technique. The chorus and comprimarios were good.

Gabriele Ferro, whose eloquence in the early 19th-century Italian repertory has already been noted at Covent Garden, conducted with all the grace and precision of a Rossini stylist. His timing and concern for light textures proved again what a fine singers' conductor he is, while his balancing of voices in the beautiful Act One quartet and propulsion of the choral crescendi provided further evidence for regarding *Elisabetta* as vintage Rossini.

Andrew Clark



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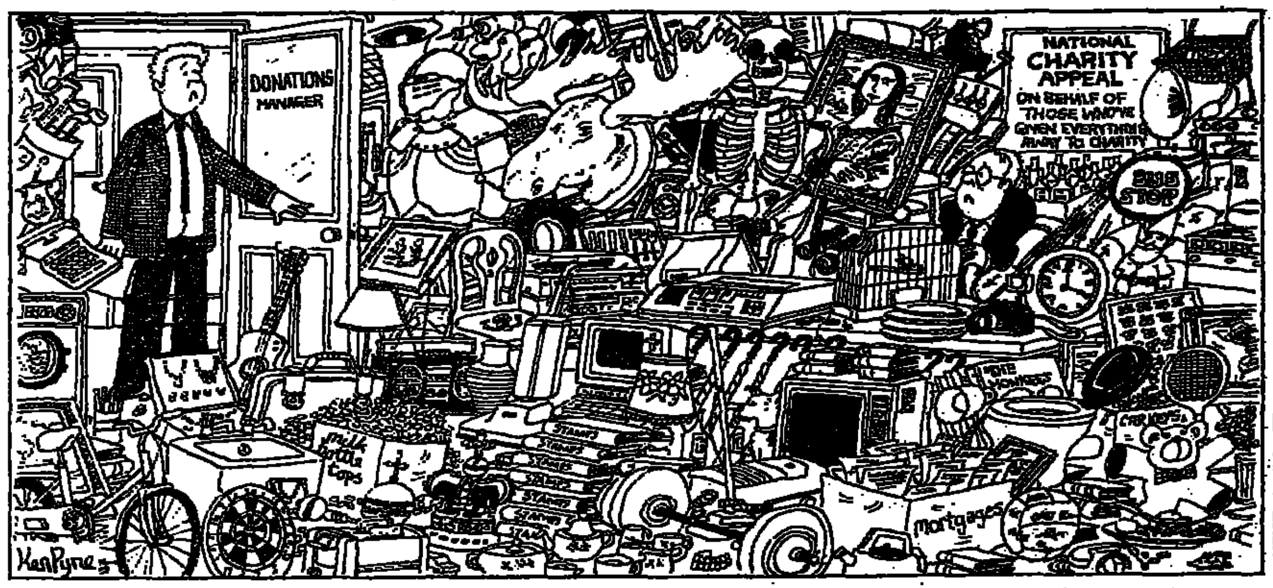
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The formidable fund raising achievements of such celebrities as Bob Geldof and Ian Botham, who yesterday completed his epic walk for the Leukaemia Research Fund in London, is the glamorous tip of the charity industry. Despite occasional large bequests – a woman recently left the National Trust £2.6 million – fund raising remains hard work and, at the national level, increasingly competitive and professional.

With between 3,000 and 4,000 charities registering for the first time with the Charity Commission each year, it is scarcely surprising that fund raisers are having to be increasingly sophisticated in their methods.

Indeed, the fact that they recently formed their own professional body to "improve and maintain ethical standards in fund-raising" emphasizes the importance that the fund-raisers themselves place on business-like expertise. In the words of Mrs Diane Yeo, incoming director and a founding member of the Institute of Charity Fundraising Managers (ICFM): "In the past, fund-raising has been a case of trial and error. But there's no doubt that the professionally run charities make the most money".

Despite the occasional public scandal, Mrs Yeo believes that it is rare for charities to use deliberately unethical or fraudulent methods to raise money and that doubtful practices are for the most part the result of ignorance. Certainly there are plenty of unscrupulous people prepared to jump on the bandwagon. Brigadier Christopher Thursby Pelham, director general of the British Heart Foundation (BHF), occasionally meets them. "People sometimes come to us with a totally unacceptable plan that is too appalling to contemplate", Thursby Pelham says.

One such visionary recently suggested that mourners planning to send money to the BHF should instead send it to him in exchange for a white cross to be stuck on their funeral cars, the money to be distributed in the manner he thought fit.

Other visitors to Thursby Pelham's office in London bring less dubious offerings. One man handed over his late father's watch. The three leading London auction houses valued it variously at between £2,000 and £12,000, but it eventually fetched £20,000 for the charity.

It is, in fact, common for donors to arrive on the doorstep of their favourite charity bearing their most valuable possession, which may not be worth quite as much as they had hoped. The British Red Cross recalls a widow who responded to their Famine in Africa appeal by handing over her entire jewellery box. "It didn't raise very much money but the fact was that she parted with something that was of great sentimental value to her", the charity said.

Others go further. Oxfam has on several occasions received thousands of pounds from families who have sold their homes and all their possessions to raise money to help to feed the Third World. "It does worry us", admits Mr Sam Clarke, Oxfam's director of Central Fund-raising. "We wonder whether they know what they are doing, where they are going to live, even what they are going to sit on." Only once, however, has the charity turned down such a grandiose offer and that was after discovering that the would-be donor had a history of mental illness.

He frequently receives the classic widow's mite – a 50p piece with a note saying: "I'm afraid this is all I can afford." Others make more personal gestures. The fund-raisers at Cancer Research are always touched by people offering them unpublished – and generally unmarketable – manuscripts detailing their mother's or father's courageous fight against cancer.

The British Red Cross once turned down the offer of a man's skeleton for "training purposes" on the grounds that they were not licensed to be in possession of human bones.

Frequently, guilt adds an edge of immediacy to the public's generosity. One woman who saw the tragic photographs of the African famine victims in her Sunday newspaper instantly sent the cost of her Sunday lunch to the Red Cross, and has done so ever since.

Even so, persuading people to give to charity can be expensive. Oxfam, who last year came top of Britain's grant-seeking charities with a total voluntary income of £25,550,000, spent £3,411,000 on fund-raising and another £846,000 on administration.

Undoubtedly, some charities tug at the public's heart-strings more than others. Those caring for children and animals tend to be the most emotive while poignantly, the elderly are among the least popular causes. But even animal charities do not have it all their own way. "It's becoming harder and harder to raise money", says Mike Smithson, appeals director of the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (RSPCA).

He emphasizes: "Standing on a street corner rattling a tin still has its place, but finding the sort of money needed to provide a nationwide 24-hour emergency service as we do requires considerably more resources." Smithson believes that just having the word "royal" in the title is a disadvantage. "These days you need something that sounds action-packed like War on Want or Action Aid". One of the most popular ways to raise money these days is by personalized letter to regular and past supporters. Sometimes charities exchange lists of their donors and increasingly they buy commercial lists from list brokers.

In a recent experiment, Smithson sent out 50,000 identical letters – half typewritten and half in printed handwriting – and discovered that he got a 30 per cent better response from the latter. Another experiment showed that gruesome photographs, separately wrapped and carrying a warning, doubled contributions.

The largest sum the society has ever received was £1.7 million bequeathed by an animal-lover in Jersey who specified that the money be used to prosecute those guilty of cruelty to animals. On that occasion, the RSPCA was happy to oblige, but donors who insist that their largesse be distributed in a particular way can cause problems.

Such was the case one Christmas when a tycoon demonstrated his gratitude to a London hospital by leaving a cheque for several thousand pounds with a West End toy shop to buy presents for the children forced to spend Christmas in the hospital. Most of the hospital's children went home for Christmas, so each of the remaining children received gifts worth a small fortune.

The National Trust, however, is always delighted to accept gifts in kind. To maintain the 25 per cent of the Lake District which it owns, it encourages members of the public to "adopt" a particular task which needs doing. Since April 1984 the scheme has brought in £300,000, which does not include the hours of free labour.

Commercial firms and government organizations help out, too. While a major building contractor delivered a large amount of topsoil free of charge, the RAF carried out a training exercise to move it to a higher level using helicopters and specially-designed skips.

These days, even the smaller charities are having to resort to modern selling methods to make money. The British Hedgehog Preservation Society's mail-order catalogue includes items such as Cuddly Snuffles T-Shirts and Sterling Silver Hedgehog ear-studs.

One supporter raised £23,000 for Cancer Research by organizing a competition for which the first prize was the opportunity to put back Big Ben at the end of British summertime. Two small boys sent the charity £4.30 which they earned by producing their own football comic and selling it.

Although many charities rely heavily on legacies there is sometimes a problem with contested wills. The British Red Cross estimates that about 10 per cent of its legacies are contested by families and friends of the donor. "It's amazing, the number of people who cut their families out of their wills", says Mr Raymond Luton, trust officer of the British Red Cross. The widower of one woman who, after 40 years of marriage, left the charity £250,000, was not even aware that his wife had had that much money.

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A battle on home ground for the would-be whisky king

What drives the man who has progressed from humble grocery shops to an audacious takeover bid for Distillers?

William Kay *reports*

James Gulliver, the man who wants to be the king of the country's distillery barons, has come a long way from his father's grocery shop in Campbeltown, Argyllshire. Yet it is a desire to return to his roots and prove himself on his own home soil that has helped to drive him on to one of the most ambitious takeover bids the City has seen in a year of breathtaking corporate cannibalism.

During the summer the City thought that Guinness were being audacious when they bid £300 million for Arthur Bell, the "Afore Ye Go" whisky firm. But that looks humdrum alongside Gulliver's £1.9 billion offer yesterday for Distillers Company – Britain's biggest maker of every kind of alcoholic spirit from whisky and gin to rum, vodka and the born-again Pimm's cocktail as well as the famous Johnnie Walker Scotch and Gordon's gin.

Distillers is an old-established business which has been steadily downgraded in the City's eyes because of its inability to use its huge flows of cash to move into other areas with more potential for growth.

But, until the autumn, few expected James Gulliver to be the man to try and awaken the sleeping giant of the drinks trade. Most of his career has been spent in retailing, most notably revitalising the Fine Fare supermarkets chain in the 1970s.

That job was carried out for someone else's benefit, as Fine Fare is owned by Associated British Foods, the Sunblest bread group run by the Weston family from Canada.

Subsequently, however, Gulliver struck out on his own and is now at 55 one of the country's leading supermarketeers. His Argyll Group, named after his homeland, bought the Presto chain from the mercurial Sir James Goldsmith three years ago and Argyll now has a network spanning the country on both sides of the border.

Gulliver has always had the knack of looking ahead

It was in 1981 that Gulliver first showed an interest in the whisky industry. He became chairman and a leading shareholder in Amalgamated Distilled Products, which owned little known Scotch brands like Old Court, Glen Scotia and Royal Culross.

But ADP also had a toehold in the vast and lucrative US drinks market through agencies for Skol lager and a range of spirits. In Britain it held the duty-free franchises for Campari, Cinzano, Cutty Sark, Taylor's port and Guinness. He later took over Barton Brands to make ADP one of America's top Bourbon producers.

Gulliver has always had the knack of looking ahead. After Glasgow University and a spell at Harvard Business School he headed off towards Urwick Orr, one of the big management consultancy firms in 1961.

He said: "It was a growing business, management consultancy. Over five years, up to 1965, I told other people how to run their companies though I had never actually run one myself."

Aggressive: James Gulliver

It was also a very useful stepping stone. "When I was joining," he recalled, "I advised Urwick Orr's selection panel that I would only stay for five years. If you are going to make it into senior management, that is the time you make your move. Everyone else was saying they would stay for ever, so it caused a few raised eyebrows. But it was the right thing to do."

At the age of 33 he talked his way into running the shopfitting side of Fine Fare, a modest enough start. Gulliver's no-nonsense style impressed so much that Garfield Weston immediately made him managing director of the whole of Fine Fare.

But throughout his career Gulliver had been torn between working for someone else and the challenge of being his own boss. So after seven years at Fine Fare he quit. However, far from sending him on his way with a cheery handshake, the Westons legally prevented him from setting up in competition with them. It was a compliment of sorts, but one which annoyed Gulliver.

The second occasion was in 1974, when RCA, the American entertainments group, took over Oriel, the company he had bought a stake in a year earlier. Again he left after a few years and this time RCA put a covenant on him competing with Oriel.

By this time he had become a millionaire, thanks to the Oriel takeover. But he had to kick his heels for 18 months before he could return to the food business. He passed the time running Alpine Holdings, a double glazing and bathroom showers company.

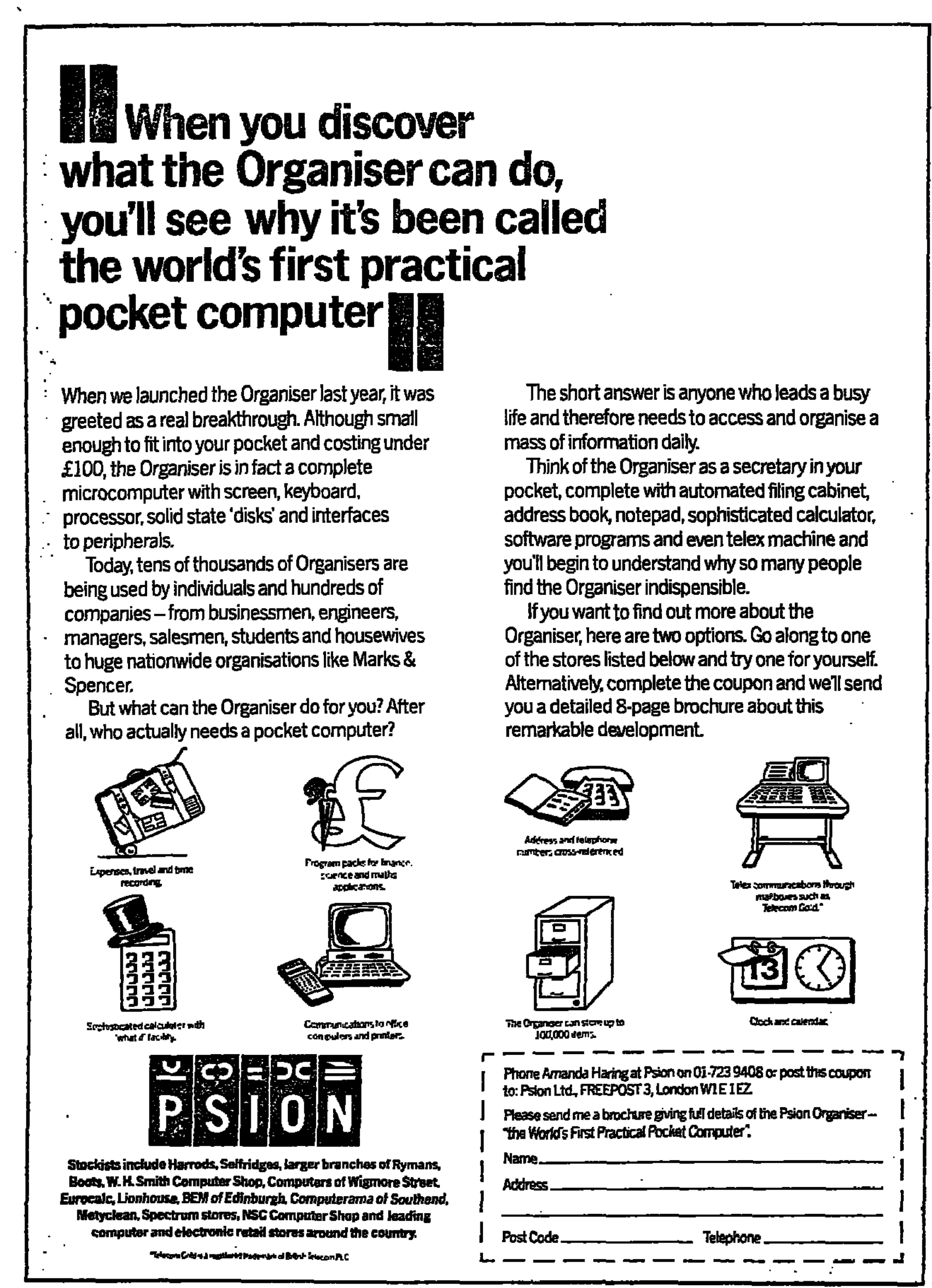
Buying the Presto group put him in the big time

But as soon as his exile was over, Gulliver was not short of City backers to help him do the deals that set him on his way again. His first move was to take a stake in Louis C. Edwards, a Manchester butchery firm whose controlling family also happened to run Manchester United football club.

Edwards was the launching pad for a rapid succession of takeovers, including the most satisfying of all – Oriel, the company he had built and sold to RCA. By that time the Americans had had a boardroom coup, and the new bosses no longer wanted to be part of the British food scene. The following year Gulliver bought Allied Suppliers, the Presto group, from Goldsmith and he was in the big time.

As his business has grown, he has faced the perennial problem of forcing himself to delegate. He said: "You have got to foster and encourage the best people. It's that extra effort that makes the difference. You need to know that someone will be working flat out, all hours if need be, to achieve the company's goals. The tinge of ruthlessness comes through if things that are achievable are not achieved."

That is an uncompromising discipline that Gulliver, pugnacious and at times aggressive, has applied unsparingly to himself. If he succeeds in taking over Distillers, there is little doubt that the executives there will be in for a rude awakening.



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Where forgotten relics roar again

Manchester's Bellevue looks like an enormous abattoir of metal parts. The innards of motorcycles from decades of production – BSA, Greeves, AJS – are laid out on stalls which spill through two halls. On sale are chainguards rusted to an orange tan while disembowelled engines are surrounded by small groups of admirers, showing the kind of reverence usually bestowed on the relics of a saint.

A man in his early 40s, ferreting amidst a pile of petrol taps which resemble Madonna's rejected jewellery, is flushed with success. He holds what looks like two rubber cufflinks in his hands, vital pieces of a 1960s BSA bike he has almost restored. "That's made my day", he says. "Wait until I tell them in the pub. They say I talk so much about bikes, a pool of oil gathers where I stand".

This is the largest autojumble in the world. Held annually, it is now in its sixth year as The International Classic Bike Show. Appropriately in the centenary of the motorcycle, interest in rebuilding the bikes of the past is growing by the month.

Autojumbles are now held weekly all over the country. The organizers of the Bellevue event, Alan and Hilary Whitehead, also run six large autojumbles a year in Bolton – the latest was on Saturday – and 20 other similar events. Neither looks the part. Alan, in advertising, is dressed in pink (but with a macho cut). Hilary had red glasses to match her scarlet leather; sort of kickstart chic. Between them they own 14 motorcycles, all rebuilt with the kind of passion the British reserve for inanimate objects and animals.

"What Bellevue has become for motorcycles", Alan Whitehead says, talking from 12 years of part-time autojumbling, "is what Crufts is for dogs."

On offer at Bellevue are reconstructed models up for a variety of prizes including Best Classic Bike of the Year, handbooks dating back to the turn of the century for mainly British motorcycles (current price for the sales catalogue of the 1901 Werner motorbicycle, £55) and, most important of all, a jumble sale of spare parts plus an auction run by Sotheby's of 40 or so bikes, some in a skeleton state, some with slightly more bent and bruised and corroded metal flesh on their frames.

Autojumble spare partners: Alan and Hilary Whitehead

The British motorcycle industry had its final boom in the '70s. Then, a young school leaver on £50 a week could still afford a new bike on hire purchase. Unemployment has since severely affected the youth market and bike rebuilding is a hobby born of the recession. While a new bike can now cost £1,000, a rebuilt equivalent may be only a third of that. A survey by *Motor Cycle News* showed that its readers spent £360 a year on average on spares and each owned 2.8 motorbikes. Autojumbles presumably provide the 0.2 which is missing. "Home-made" bikes, expert after expert also point out, are *properly* made: "It's restoring the old craftsmanship again."

This year, over 25,000 visit Bellevue with Hell's Angels only as visible as a very mild case of measles. Cliff and Michael Hitchens, father and son, stand guard over a Greeves' petrol tank. It's been a three year search. Cliff, a gentle man wearing a Jesus Loves You badge, is a retired decorator; Michael is a builder. They have driven overnight, 10 hours from their home in Newquay. Their aim is to rebuild a little bit of family history.

In the 1950s, Cliff bought a 1942 Harley Davidson used by the Canadian army in the war. The entire family of six would ride in it and the sidecar. The bike was sold, but 10 years ago Michael began to search for it again. It took five years to find. He's been putting it together ever since with spare parts collected from the United States, Greece, Canada and Holland. Now, it's almost ready to go back on the road complete with the original military number plates.

Dominating the auction's area is a gigantic 1970 Harley-Davidson Electra-Glide plus trailer, lit up with more light bulbs than the average fairground. It belongs to Jake Riviera, founder of Stiff Records, distinguished at the autojumble by being the man in the most elegant pair of winkle-pickers. The bike is sold for £2,600. Mr Riviera reckons it has cost him that much in chrome cleaner alone.

Outside the auction, at a spare parts stall, a woman with a skull and crossbones necklace and wearing a black mini skirt about the size of a mourner's arm band, is studiously ignored by every customer. Instead, they ask advice of the man by her side. "She knows more than I do", he says.

Angie and John Stevenson from Stoke, brother and sister, own about 40 bikes between them and run a spare parts shop. Angie is the expert. "For as long as I can remember", she says, sifting through sparking plugs with as much keeness as if she was panning for gold, "I've only wanted to race bikes." Now 26, she works in the shop and spends the weekends at autojumbles around the country. Holidays, of course, are spent at the Isle of Man TT races. "It's just something I can't help."

At the end of the afternoon, the crowds spill out into the Manchester rain. One man dressed more for the golf links at St Andrews, wraps an anonymous piece of mental in an immaculate mac. The spare part looks as if it's spent its very long life in some forgotten corner of a farmyard. Why not use the mac for himself? "Oh no", he replies quite horrified. "You can't treat this as *junk*." A man obviously worth his metal.

Yvonne Roberts

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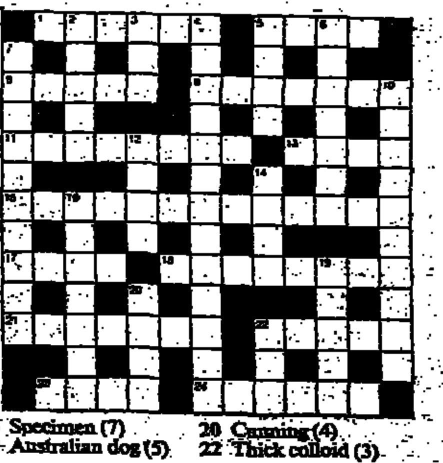

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FASHION by Suzy Menkes

Warming up for Christmas

Keeping warm is a fashion priority now, and this page links the needs of winter with the pleasure of giving at Christmas, from classy cashmere to scarves, gloves and ritzy slippers

Knits, those stalwarts of the winter wardrobe, are now stretching from head to toe, with the tube skirt adding inches of insulation where the sweater stops. Wool jersey, and its cheaper man-made versions, is also having a revival this season. Back in fashion for the first time since the 1960s, jersey is now mainly used for separates although the dress, or even the heavy-weight, double jersey jackets and coats extend its fashion life.

The machine-knit has been transformed from the poor relation of the prized hand-stitch sweater into a stylish garment. This has been the achievement of Joseph Ettedgui, who rightly won two accolades in British Fashion Week for his imaginative styles and displays. His Tricot collection, mostly made in England, starts from the premise that knits are for all seasons and reasons. The result is a collection of knits, with a few woven fabrics cheekily infiltrating the establishment, all designed to work together.

Skiing is the theme of the winter knits, both in the shapes and patterns and in their performance, for the stretchy jerseys and sweaters express themselves in movement. Jacquard patterns, including snowflake and traditional Nordic motifs, are the stuff of early skiing and the trousers are the stirrup pants style.

But knit and jersey also have a more sophisticated side. Azzedine Âlaia, the king of curvy dressing, has moulded city skirts and evening dresses out of stretchy fabrics – wool and rayon jersey – seamed and cut to fit rather than cling. The linchpin of his warm-up dressing is the "body", an all-in-one stretch suit (from Browns and Joseph Pour la Maison).

Yves Saint Laurent makes tunics and short, sharp skirts in jersey's rich, dusky colours, underlining their 1960s feel with cowl hoods.

Street-style with the tubular knits and jerseys is thick, ribbed tights and flat ankle boots, or even heavier brogue shoes. The urban alternative is the high heel and glossy tights, or knee-high boots, that both work best with the shorter skirts.

Home knitting is a practical way of building up a warm wardrobe, and the current spate of knitting books make useful Christmas presents.

A geometric patterned black and white cardigan, appropriately called "Black Magic" is a stylish pattern from John Allen's *The Machine Knitting Book* (Dorling Kindersley, £8.95). This book, which includes explanations of how to do Intarsia designs as well as lacey-stitches and textural weaves, seems to me (although I am not a machine knitter) to fulfil a gap in a market flooded with books about hand-knitting.

The best of those is Marion Foale's *Classic Knitwear* (Pelham Books, £9.95), a collection of 30 patterns in desirably simple shapes. They echo and update the traditional patterns in *Knitting for Nostalgia* (Viking, £10.95). My own designer knitting book *The Knitwear Revolution*, which I like to think started the current book trend, has just been brought out in Penguin at £5.95.

Present thoughts for hand-knitters should include the designer kits. There is a wide range of fashion kits, from £17.50 to £36, from the Yarn Store, 8 Ganton Street, London W1 (send sae for mail order kit list). Another full colour knit and tapestry catalogue from Ehrman, 21-22 Vicarage Gate, London W8 (including Kaffe Fassett kits). Filpucci Tricot Studio is a new knitting shop (79 Walton Street, London SW3) selling quick kits and patterns using heavy yarns, brought to Britain from Sweden.

Penny Plain make well-priced patterned knits, machine and hand, male and female, from £21.50. Large sae to Penny Plain, 7 St Mary's Place, Newcastle-upon-Tyne NE1 7PC.

Right: leaf-patterned bolero-length knit jacket in navy blue and cream, £135, over a long-line ribbed polo-neck sweater, £130, and matching mitts. Patterned calf-length tube skirt, £75. All pure new wool.

Far right: square-cut crew-neck cream sweater with black lattice pattern at hem and cuffs, £169. Worn over geometric-patterned tube skirt, £75, cream rib scarf, £18, and gloves. All from Joseph Tricot, 18 Sloane Street, London SW1 and 16 South Molton Street, London W1

Make-up: Helen Jeffers
Hair: Martin Brooks for Schumi

Fashion Assistant: Rebecca Tyrrel

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Left: gold and black tapestry patterned jersey top with wide padded shoulders, £19.99. Matching straight calf-length skirt, £16.99, both 50 per cent cotton and 50 per cent Modal, also available in black and green or purple and lilac from Warehouse, 19-21 Argyll Street, London W1. Highwayman's hat by Graham Smith at Kangol from Harrods. Shoes, Sacha

WRAPPED-UP

Peacock and magenta or delicious salmon peach and apple green – scarves in all shades from £24 at Aquascutum, Regent Street.
Japanese-weave scarves in mysterious eastern colours, £90; men's argyll sweaters with Tyrolean braces pattern, £185, both Crolla.
Plaid rug in a shoulder holster, £69.95 from Mulberry Company at Liberty.
Chagall's drawing on a man's sweater, £95 at Simpson.
Fur lining to a man's grey or navy raincoat, £995 from Selfridges.

GLOVERLEY

Run the gauntlet from Jasper Conran's mink-trimmed leather gloves, £285, to Alaia's curvaceous gauntlets, £65, both Browns, South Molton Street.
Go for gaucho with Gary Wright and Sheila Teague's silk-lined embroidered suede gloves, £46 from Harvey Nichols.
Thick wool mittens edged in blanket-stitching from Workers for Freedom, 4 Lower John Street, W1.
Tuxedo gloves with bow tie and buttons on scarlet wool, £3.50 from Fenwick.

HATTITUDES

Frankly furry fake Kamali toque, £100 from Browns.
Beaver and sheepskin hats with wired earmuffs, lined in Liberty print, from £40 at Liberty or Harrods.
Holly knitted into a chirpy wool beret, £14 from Jones, Covent Garden and Kings Road.
Persian blue ethnic patterned pull-on, £7.95, deep crown buttermilk felt beret, £6.95, both Laura Ashley.
Knitted baseball cap, £17.50, Zone at Harvey Nichols

WOOLF PACK

Skin-side inside: Yves Saint Laurent's rabbit-lined trench raincoat with lambskin collar and cuffs, £495, natural or black from Saint Laurent Rive Gauche, New Bond Street.
High-style sheep-skins with dolman sleeves in jewel bright colours, from £400, by Jaqui Hancher for Morlands at Harrods.
Against nature: paisley-printed fake fur ¾-length jacket, £24.99, candy-floss earfuls of pink furry fabric to beat the chill, £4.95, both from Fenwick.

READY CASHMERE

Pride of the glen: giant shawl with knotted fringe in plaid or plain, £210 from Liberty.
Roll-neck sweater in brilliant colours, £175 from Browns.
Chanel-look cardigan by Berk, Regent Street and Burlington Arcade, London W1.
Rich dog's-life: spaniel-brown hounds-tooth check cashmere scarf, £39, also plaids, checks and plain from Austin Reed, Regent Street.
Ritzy silk and cashmere socks, £32 from Liberty.

ANCESTRAL

Crinoline-sized Victorian paisley shawl, £200 at Liberty.
Coronets at his toes: sovereign evening slippers, £38, from Simpson, Piccadilly.
Beaded and bagged antique paisley evening bag, £160, brown velvet waistcoat, scrolled with flowers, £120, both from the Gallery of Antique Costume and Textiles, Lisson Grove.
Crisp white cotton collar, £23 from Courtenay, Brook St W1.
Velvet toque, £65, Zone at Harvey Nichols.

DRESSING DOWN

His date with Father Christmas in Santa Claus printed scarlet pyjamas, £55, matching boxer shorts, £15, both from Crolla, Dover Street, W1.
Impresario velvet robe in jewel-box colours, £185 from Liberty.
Expansive night-shirt printed with gluttonous Christmas puds by Bonsoir, £26 from Harrods.
A smile on the face of the crocodile who snaps his pink satin teeth on a navy grown-up romper suit, £34.95 from Fenwick.

FOOTNOTES

Light-up legs with Missoni's distinctive patterned wool tights, £24.95 from Liberty.
Frosty pink or blue, silver, jade or fuchsia supersoft thick ribbed tights, £3.50 from Marks and Spencer.
Dior's glitzy gold threads on black lace, £9.95 from Harrods.
Christmas tree socks, green pine on red wool, £4 from Simpson.
Hogmanay slippers for evenings and breakfasts, £7.95 from Fenwick of Bond Street.

The royal designer

TALKBACK

From Mrs Daphne Bennett, Teddington, Middlesex.

Why did Suzy Menkes (Royal Hunt of the Jewels, Monday Page, November 18) omit to mention the gold and enamel bracelets, brooches and circlets for the hair, often inset with real jewels, which Prince Albert designed for Queen Victoria and gave her on various anniversaries? They were modelled from nature, incorporating wheatsheaves, oak and myrtle leaves, etc, and were executed by his favourite craftsmen. They deserve prominence because the Prince Consort was perhaps the only recorded royal jewellery designer.

The "Alexandra Emeralds" came to England as part of Queen Alexandra's dowry, and are mentioned in the Kronberg Letters. Support is lent to the theory that Edward VIII gave them to Mrs Simpson by Margot Asquith's description of her wearing "a wonderful set of jewels, the kind that no ordinary little woman like Wallis Simpson could ever hope to possess" at dinner at Buckingham Palace.

From Janice Dacre, London SW11.

The point about glamour (Fashion page, November 26) is that it is unrealistic and therefore ultimately ridiculous. If "fashion" means being appropriately dressed for a given situation, within the existing social context, the so-called "feminist" clothing fits the bill better than hobble skirts and high heels. And talking of bills, it does not escape this woman's notice that the shift from flatties and track suits to *Dynasty* dressing seems to quadruple the price of clothes. The return of glamour may not be an old-fashioned sexist plot – just a commercial one.

From R. Bakker, Leeds.

You suggest that Joan Collins dresses in the style of Paris high fashion rather than Hollywood. Yet my own memories of living in Paris during the 1950s are that few women adopted the Parisian fashions such as Dior's New Look or Balenciaga's sack dresses. The fashion magazines provided the same escapist nonsense as *Dynasty* and *Dallas* now, or Hollywood in the past. This would suggest that glamorous dressing is the same story the world over.

FASHION EDITOR'S COMMENT

A tasty way to redress the bland

For 10 years British manufacturers have grown thin on the old adage that you can never underestimate public taste.

Fashion editors were berated for previewing tomorrow's fashion instead of writing up today's best sellers. Fashion colleges were jeered at for producing bizarre and unwearable clothes. The fashion factor was considered to be a minus-point in the rag trade and "design" a dirty word.

The result was seen in the tide of imported clothes from low-cost countries which fitted the high street philosophy of "pile it high and shift it fast". Then came a second invasion from continental countries, especially Italy and Germany, who swiftly realized that British women buy what they like and that they liked high fashion in the high street.

Far from responding to fresh fashion colours and sleek separates, most British manufacturers buried their heads in their cheap acrylic cardigans and blamed high fashion for their collective headache.

It was the designers' fault for creating an appetite for fashion and the fault of journalism to feed it. The public was simply not ready for natural fibres, colour-coordinates, hand-knits, raglan sleeves, shoulder pads. What the woman in the street wanted – and certainly what she got – was 57 varieties of a navy blue blazer, pleated skirt and tailored coat.

The British high street has been lamentably feeble and dilatory in offering high fashion to the masses. Even now, after the so-called revolution, you find better made, more fashionable clothes on the main streets of Siena, Toulon or Hong Kong than you do in Britain.

I challenge anyone who does not believe that statement to count the ratio of the fashionable to the fuddy-duddy: a few fashionable slim-lines among racks of lumpy gathered skirts; kimono-seamed sleeves to set-in tailoring; wide, bright mufflers to mean acrylic scarves. Is there a chain store selling this season's polo-neck sweaters in six basic shades and six fashion colours? Or a simple, modern-cut white cotton shirt?

Two events last week combined to prove the public right and the mass manufacturers and retailers wrong. The scramble for Laura Ashley shares by small investors and big business alike shows that people have both an affection for and a commercial belief in the shops that recreated the traditional strengths of British country virtues.

The Laura Ashley empire was built on design, especially of the fabrics, which set a standard and brought the company international success.

The other fashion happening was the take-over of British Home Stores, a high street shop whose only shining light was the lamps department, by the design-conscious Mr Conran.

Some commentators have greeted this merger with the gloomy prognostication that Next, Richards and BHS will all produce identikit fashion statements and leave the consumer with less choice.

But if there is less of the mauve lurex leggings, the nasty nylon blouson jackets and tatty tartan skirts which I saw in my high street last weekend, that must be good news for all of us.

Fashion editors are constantly bewailing the lack of liaison between the exuberant products of our art colleges and the stodgy brand leaders of our clothing industry. We have yet to see any of our established designer names reach the high street in a way that America's Ralph Lauren is soon to achieve in this country, with the new mass-market deal he has just signed with Lewis's.

But designers are not the only answer. Marks and Spencer have a design team who produce foul clothes as well as fair, usually in the name of giving the public what their buyers think we want.

The ingredient lacking in the British high street is not just good design, but good taste. This is something that Terence Conran instinctively possesses and, if he is able to exercise that judgement, he may manage to do as much for the knitwear counters as he did for sofa beds.

The magic wand that has been waved across our high streets has so far meant mainly re-packaging familiar merchandize. I am all for making clothes more appealing and accessible, but even Next's deserved success relies more on their selectors choosing for us than on offering us the colour choice of Benetton or the wide range of styles and goods available on American counters.

I still see major gaps in the British fashion shops: the medium price range, now serviced almost entirely from Germany; pre-teen clothes, which Conran has flirted with at Now – a shop which suffers from a lack of identity and fails to focus on either mother or children. Menswear in the high street is just beginning to face up to the peacock revolution, but reluctantly and too late.

The irony is that "street style" was the fuse which began the new interest in British fashion from press and buyers overseas. Where the fashion-aware, style-conscious public leads, the high street will surely follow – if we give it another 10 years.

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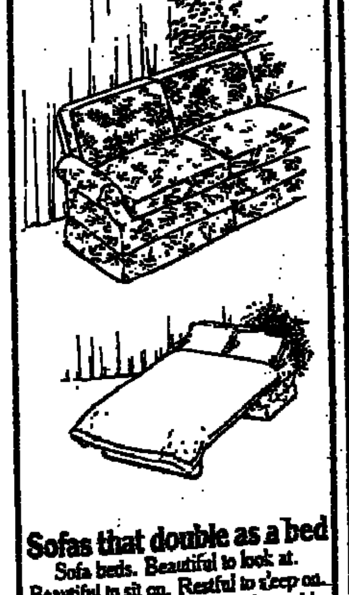

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Leak upon leak

Labour's backbench energy group must be feeling distinctly embarrassed by this week's official inquiry into the radioactive leak from the Hinkley Point nuclear power station in Somerset. I can disclose that 10 days ago the group visited the troubled plant within hours of a previous leak in which 28 tons of carbon dioxide seeped from a pipe. Although the Central Electricity Generating Board told me they informed the group of the leak during their visit, the MPs mysteriously kept quiet about it. Yesterday Labour's assistant energy spokesman, Alex Eadie, was touchy and refused to comment, referring me to his group leader, Peter Hardy, who was abroad. The normally outspoken Terry Patchett, vice-chairman of the group, was equally reticent "at this stage" and also referred me to Hardy. Patchett did confirm, however, that the CEGB had made no attempt at a cover-up. "I was concerned about it," he said, but why the MPs failed to raise the matter in the Commons remains a mystery.

Rank offsiders

Even the army cannot maintain discipline on the sports field. The chairman of the Army Sport Control Board, Major-General Boyne, has ordered that christian names must not be used between officers and other ranks "on the field of play". At the moment, he says, even nicknames are being used "to the detriment of acceptable standards". I am unaware of the general's nickname – his christian name is John.

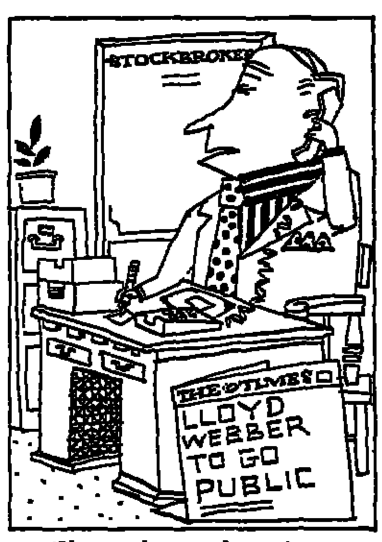
Say again?

Senior Nurse magazine will get it in the neck on Monday in this year's *Plain English Awards for this* classic piece of bilge: "The main goal for nursing is to assist the client towards *optimal wellness. A systems model* explains how system stability is achieved in relation to the stresses, that is, to retain, attain, and/or maintain an optimal wellness or stability level. The degree of stability is equated with the degree of wellness, placing wellness and illness on a continuum." Offerings to challenge this on a postcard to *The Times Diary*, please.

Mortar bared

Trinity College, Oxford, is being rocked – although not quite to its foundations – by a spread in *Club International* showing model Linzi Drew, wearing little more than a mortar board, in assorted poses in the college gardens. The college did not give permission for the photographs but does not intend to complain since it is not named. "You would have to be a former student to notice", says the bursar. And I wonder how many of those read *Club International.*

BARRY FANTONI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LLOYD WEBBER TO GO PUBLIC

'Yes, madam, we have shares at all prices'

More a flood

The Church of England is furious that its report on inner cities was apparently leaked at the weekend, enabling the Government to strike preemptive blows in advance of today's official publication. But its anger is ill-founded. The book, published by Church House Publishing, was on sale at Dillon's on Saturday. "We had no instructions from the publishers not to display it," Dillon's say. Nor was that the only bungle. Newspapers that rang Church House on Sunday were told that, in the circumstances, the embargo had been lifted. Those that rang the Archbishop of Canterbury's press officer were told it had not.

● David Steel is certainly frank. His ad for a secretary in the latest *Liberal News* runs: "Unrivalled skills and dedication required in return for a miserable salary and appalling working conditions."

Hurd instinct

Old Etonian Tam Dalyell gives a surprisingly gentle ride to the school in this week's *London Review of Books*. In reviewing *An Eton Schoolboy's Album*, he gushes: "The beaks took enormous trouble over individual boys . . . a tolerant place for the gifted . . . virtually none of the bullying associated with the other public schools." The only thing for which, it seems, the Labour backbencher cannot forgive the old school is producing "the politician responsible for Brixton, Handsworth and Tottenham" and, he suspects, the next Tory leader: Douglas Hurd.

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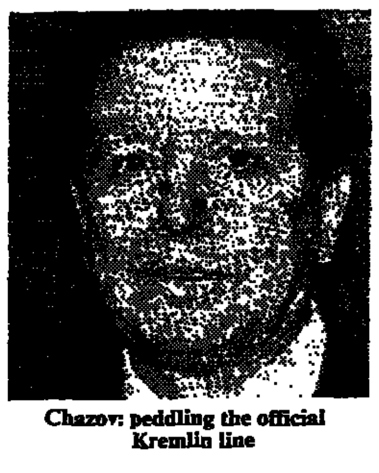
Allan Wynn and Peter Reddaway question the credentials of the nuclear disarmers about to receive the 1985 Nobel prize

What sort of peace do these men want?



Chazov: peddling the official Kremlin line

Lown: refuses to help victims of Soviet repression

The Nobel Peace Prize will be devalued when the 1985 award is presented in Oslo next week to the organization International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War.

No doubt many of its claimed membership of 145,000 doctors in 41 countries genuinely believe they are assisting the cause of international disarmament. The character of the leadership suggests however that it is a Soviet-front organization hoping to manipulate western public opinion, thereby putting pressure on western governments to scale down their nuclear arsenals while Soviet stocks remain intact.

IPPNW was established in 1980 – the year that Moscow began its propaganda campaign designed to thwart the planned deployment of American missiles in Europe (a response to the Soviet deployment of SS20s).

One of the two co-founders, Professor Yevgeny Chazov, is a trusted official of both the Soviet Communist Party and the state. Since 1968 he has been deputy minister of health and since 1982 a member of the party's central committee. To imagine that he would say or do anything which had not been sanctioned at the highest level in the Kremlin would be absurd.

As a member of the central committee, Chazov shares responsibility for the Soviet Union's build-up of nuclear arms and for the war in Afghanistan. In 1973 he signed, with 19 other members of the Soviet Academy of Medical Science, a particularly disgraceful letter attacking the loyalty of academician Andrei Sakharov. Finallty Chazov is head of the fourth division of the ministry of health, which has special responsibility for liaising with the KGB on security matters.

The other co-founder, Dr Bernard Lown, an American, has impeccable credentials as a physician. His co-invention of the cardiac defibrillator, an instrument for reviving a stopped heart, has conferred on mankind one of medicine's greatest gifts. But for 30 years he has openly adopted a pro-Soviet, anti-US stance. *His rapport with Soviet* officialdom is evidenced by the fact that he gave an hour-long address on Soviet television without pre-censorship. Few other westerners have been accorded such trust.

Lown has greatly discomforted his many admirers by his consistent refusal to use his standing with the *Kremlin to intercede in* cases involving flagrant abuses of state power which have damaged mutual *trust between the Soviet Union and* the West – a trust essential for a climate in which nuclear disarmament would be possible. Three cases can be documented:

● Dr Anatoly Koryagin, the Soviet *psychiatrist who courageously* described in *The Lancet* the widespread abuse of psychiatry as a means of suppressing dissent in the Soviet Union. He was given a 12-year sentence in 1981 and has since been so badly treated that he is believed to be close to death.

● Yelena Bonner, wife of Dr Andrei Sakharov, who has suffered two heart attacks. Professor John Goodwin invited her to London for treatment of a kind not available in the Soviet Union, but she was refused permission to accept.

● Andrei Sakharov himself – the Soviet Union's most consistent campaigner for nuclear disarmament. It was his advocacy that persuaded *Khrushchev* to agree to the first test ban treaty in 1963. It was he who warned the Soviet authorities, and *the world, that a* nuclear war would be an unmitigated disaster for mankind, and it was *he* who *reiterated the prior* necessity for greater East-West trust if the arms race was to be controlled. *When Sakharov was himself* awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1975, the citation described him as *"the conscience of mankind"*.

In might seem incredible that such a man should be denied the *protection* and support which a body with the professed aims of IPPNW could give, but such, regrettably, is the case.

Where IPPNW discredits itself most clearly, however, is in the increasingly prominent role it has assigned to the Moscow psychiatrist Marat Vartanian. For the past 14 years, Professor Vartanian, as deputy director of his country's most prestigious psychiatric institute, has repeatedly denied to foreigners that any political abuse of psychiatry has ever occurred in the Soviet Union and has tried to silence those foreign organizations which have responded to the *voluminous evidence* to the contrary.

Inevitably, this has involved him *in a succession of lies, distortions* and manipulations. Many occurred in the context of the World Psychiatric Association (WPA), to which the Soviet Union belonged until forced to resign over the issue of political abuse in 1983. In 1974, *for example,* Vartanian *claimed* in the leading Soviet psychiatric journal that the WPA had refuted *the abuse charges. This was a total* lie. Then he refused to publish the WPA's denial. He has also libelled *Soviet dissidents, stating falsely on* Moscow radio, for instance, that two (Natalya Gorbanevskaya and Ale*xander Volpin) had been in and out* of mental hospitals since their emigration to the West.

Vartanian's *unsavoury* role in this deplorable area of the abuse of state power is fully documented. Vartanian can be compared with these doctors in South Africa who, notably in the Steve Biko case, have *prostituted themselves* to an unscrupulous government. If Vartanian practised in a free country, he would be *expelled from* any professional association – as happened to one of the doctors in the Biko case.

Yet this is the man who, having recently written a paper with Professor Chazov on the likely psychiatric effects of a nuclear war, has been travelling around the United States speaking on behalf of IPPNW.

Would such an organization, with this deplorable record, have won the most famous humanitarian award in the world if the Nobel Prize committee had done its homework?

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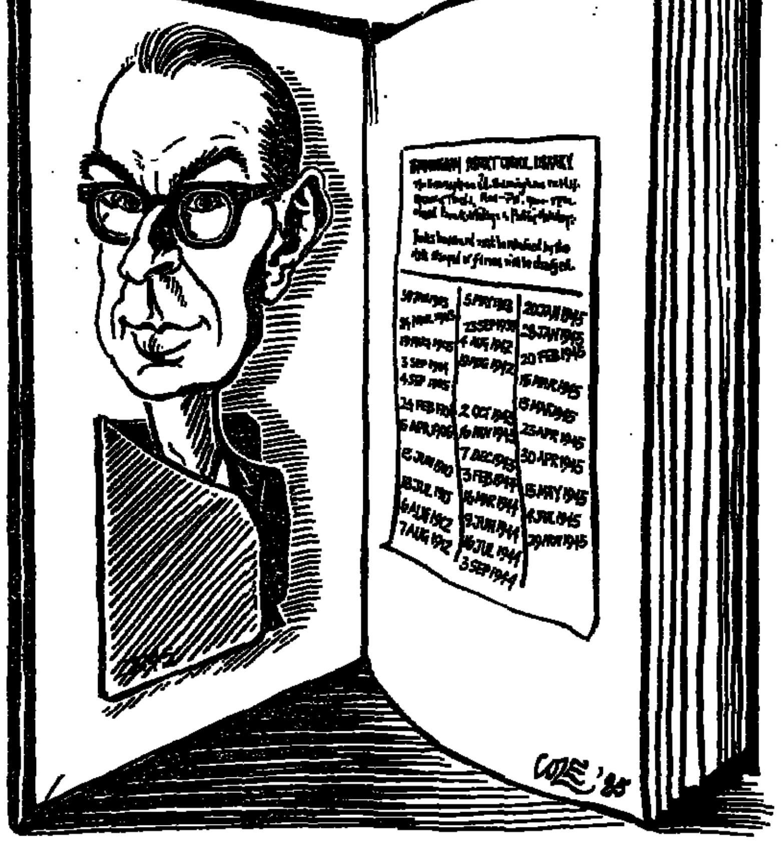
Philip Larkin was not only a poet. In his later years he described how he began the career that brought him his bread and butter

My first steps up the library ladder



In autumn *1943* the Ministry of Labour wrote to ask what I was doing. I could have answered that, having finished with the university and English literature, I was living at home writing a novel, but I rightly judged the enquiry to be a warning that I had better start doing something. Picking up the day's *Birmingham Post* (the paper we took in those days), I soon discovered an advertisement by a small urban district council for a librarian. The salary was £175 per annum (plus cost-of-living bonus, Whitley Scale, of £45 10s for men, £36 8s for women), and the duties included 'those usual to the operation of the Lending Library (open access), and Reading Room supervision'.

Recourse to a gazeteer revealed that the town was about 12 miles from a school where a college friend of mine had recently taken a job as a temporary assistant master and was also writing a novel. This seemed a good *omen*, and I applied. In due course I was asked to attend for interview, and it occurred to me I *had better find out something about* the operation of a lending library (open access).

My father, with *remote amusement*, handed me a green-covered report that had come out in the previous year entitled *The Public Library System of Great Britain*, and I took it with me in the train on November 13, the day of the interview. Rain smashed against the carriage windows as I read the author's summary dismissals of sample libraries serving populations between 20,000 and 30,000: 'Old buildings, drab stocks and bad traditions of support . . . antiquated methods include a really filthy indicator [what was that?]. . . . the reference library consists of two small cases of quite useless items . . . ' The account of library 'I' seemed particularly intimidating: 'The children's books are much dirtier even than those provided for the adults. There is no proper counter; the single-handed librarian is untrained.' I fancied that the authority to which I had applied was in a smaller population category than this: would its library be worse? Certainly its potential librarian looked like being single-handed, and could hardly have been more untrained.

Mr McColvin, the author of the trenchant sentences just quoted, would not in all probability have been much kinder about it. The council had adopted the Library Acts and built a library to celebrate the coronation of Edward VII. It was a simple two-storey building, with a reading room and a boiler room on the ground floor and a lending library, with a rudimentary office-cum-reference room, upstairs; its handsome stone façade was inscribed Public Library and recorded why it was erected and when (I think the date was 1903). A librarian-caretaker, son of a failed Wolverhampton bookseller, was appointed.

When I turned up 40 years later (for my application was *successful*), the astonishing thing was that almost nothing had changed. The librarian-caretaker was *still* there, by now a courtly old gentleman of at least 70, who wore a hat indoors and uttered from time to *time an absent-*minded blowing noise, like a distant trombone. For many years he had washed the floors and lighted the boiler every morning in addition to his professional duties, and may have done so to the end. After leaving he never used the library, and I saw him only once again; he called when it was shut ('Anyone in? It's only the old blackguard'), and we chatted, mostly about his inadequate pension and his funeral arrangements ('I've told the wife to stay at home and drink whisky'). I wondered uneasily if my life would be anything like his.

In 1903 the library had, of course, been closed access; in the Thirties an effort had been made to modernize its methods, opening the doors to readers and constructing an issue desk. There had even been purchased a copy of the current edition of Dewey. Otherwise it remained antiquated. The boiler (which I had to stoke, if not light) did little to heat the radiators, which were in any case poorly placed; the real warmth of the building came from the gas lights that had to be illumined with long tapers that dropped wax over the floors, and even on myself until I learned how to handle them. There was no telephone. The stock amounted to about 4,000 books, 3,000 of which were fiction and the rest non-fiction and juvenile.

The shelves were high, but even so layers of long-withdrawn books, thick with dust, were piled on top of them. I wish I had taken more detailed notes both of them and of the current stock: in all, it was like *the* advertisement pages of late 19th and early 20th century novels come to life. A substantial body of the readers were elderly people, who found the stairs difficult, but were still prepared to face them for Mrs *Henry Wood, Florence L. Barclay,* Silas K. Hocking, Rosa N. Carey and many others. The rest were either children or hopeful adults, some of them strangers to the town and used to better things.

My day began with collecting the day's papers and journals and setting them out in the reading room in time to open its doors at 9am. Then I retreated to the closed lending department and dealt with the post, such as it was, making out applications for inter-library loans and parcelling up volumes to be returned. From then until 3pm, when the first of the two-hour lending-library 'operations' began, my time was my own; landladies did not really want to provide fires in the morning, and I wrote my novel in the library before taking it back with me to work after lunch.

After another session from 6 to 8pm I finished reshelving and sorted the issue in time to close the reading room at 8.30pm. It was a long day, and in some respects a tiring one. Quite early on I recorded a week when I issued 928 books in 20 hours, or one about every 77 seconds – not much, perhaps, but an equal number had to be reshelved, and some of the shelves could be reached only by ladder. At first my hand was blistered from stamping books.

It was clear that the premises, stock and staff were totally inadequate for the potential, or even actual, demands of its readers. At the same time it was difficult to know what to do about it – difficult, because I really had no idea of how to come to grips with the council in order, for instance, to appoint a couple of assistants, double or treble the book grant (I don't think, in fact, that there was one), create a catalogue, modernize the building and so on, and even if I had there *would have been, in the middle of* the war, no money to do so.

My committee, however, was sympathetic, chaired by a friendly and forward-looking headmaster, and did what it could. New books began to appear on the shelves (I heard that I was filling the library with dirty books – not in the McColvin sense, but with Lawrence, Forster, Joyce, Isherwood, *et al.*), and after a year and three-quarters I got an assistant, enabling the lending library to 'operate' in the mornings. Readership increased to about twice the original number. Issues rose from 3,000 to 6,000 a month.

My most dramatic increase was in inter-library loans, from 68 in the year I came to 499 in the year I left: these were chiefly to sixth formers, and those readers with precise interests and courses of study. Most *of the books came from the huge* and generous Birmingham City Libraries, at the time presided over by *H. M. Cashmore, surely one of* the most indefatigable correspondents among chief librarians. Hardly a day passed when *I did* not receive a letter signed by him correcting me about the details of an application, or pointing out that a parcel had been badly tied. Other librarians I met later confirmed this experience.

The library should, of course, have been absorbed into the county system, and the county was anxious to do this: it already sent us a consignment of perhaps 300 books that was changed every few months, and these alone kept readers from complete apathy. Since the council had adopted the Library Acts in 1901 or so, however, it could not be compulsorily taken over, and there was enough local patriotism to believe that with the new young man a proper library service could be offered.

Of course improvements took place: almost anything one did was *an improvement (one of my early* reports states the library had joined the official waiting list for *The Times Literary and Educational Supplements*), and readers responded so eagerly in those book-hungry *days that I could* never stop trying, but in fact little could be done compared with what was needed. I consoled myself with my novel (having finished the first, I had begun a second), and started a correspondence course for Library Association qualifications.

My appointment there lasted two and three-quarter years. About three years after I *left*, the council did, in fact, surrender its powers, and my library became a county branch. Subsequently it was remodelled and enlarged, and in 1962 became a headquarters; to my surprise, I was asked to open it. Usually I avoided such undertakings, but the implication that I was not regarded by those concerned as an unfortunate episode best forgotten was so gratifying that I gladly accepted.

The architect had done his work well, so that *it* was *impossible to see* where the boiler room had been, or the pokey stairs, or the cobwebbed and dingy lavatory, on the walls of which my aged predecessor had pencilled a series of dates, a *reference* to a brand of pills, and a name that looked like Marley Mount. Split-level and splendid, the library now had proper staff quarters, a record listening room, a separate children's library and an electric goods lift.

As I listened to the other speakers (my old chairman among them, still *in office*), I wondered *what I had* done to justify my presence at the ceremony. I had achieved nothing lasting: union with the county system had been delayed only a few years, and it might be said that I had made it inevitable. I found myself thinking of individual readers: the boy I had introduced to the Sherlock Holmes stories, the old lady who sent a messenger for her books and whose final note I still have: 'Owing to failing sight, I have decided no longer to be a Member of the "Free Library". Please accept of my grateful thanks for kindness choosing books for me during the past years . . .' and others, such as the lady who gave me ten 'Cogent' cigarettes at Christmas (product of the Scottish Co-operative Wholesale Society). I thought, too, of the *knowledgable* 'graduate trainees' of today, with their year in a university library followed by a year at library school, and wondered further if there were any libraries left as backward as this one had been, or any librarians as unqualified as myself when appointed to it. If not, as seemed probable, this was no doubt the most comforting reflection available.

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Matthew Parris

Doomsday that never dawned

It has been seven years now, but I *still* lie awake wondering what happened to the giant African cockroaches. I heard of them in 1978 *when* I *handled* Mrs Thatcher's correspondence with the public. The volume varied with the public mood but one big issue for a fortnight or so that summer was the cockroach question. It was in all the newspapers. Giant roaches, imported from Africa, were being sold here as pets. Experts were predicting that Britain could be overrun by them when they escaped and found places to breed.

Hundreds of people wrote to Mrs Thatcher – then Opposition leader – and it fell to me to reply. The technique was to stop short of alleging that James Callaghan was personally responsible for the cockroaches, yet somehow to imply that Mrs T understood and cared in a way that a socialist never could.

I rose enthusiastically to the challenge, but that is not my point. The point is, what happened to the cockroaches? Did they escape? Did they breed? Why was there no plague? What do the experts say now? I never saw the follow-up headline "Cockroach threat recedes" or "Shivering roaches shun sex". It was one of those issues, born in a tempest of dire prophecy, then borne away gently, unnoticed, on the summer breeze.

It happens often. We are left breathless for the next instalment when, we are told, we shall find out what happened: and then nothing.

I wonder, for example, what happened to herpes. I thought we were all supposed to have caught it by about 1990. It was incurable, infectious and spreading like wildfire. But now we hear nothing. Perhaps a cure was found. Perhaps the eminent medical men who were quoted in the news have recanted, resigned, or been struck off the register. I would like to be told, that's all.

I would also like to be told how the National Health Service limited list of prescribable drugs is faring. Doctors and drug manufacturers raised a storm about this. Patients would die in droves, we were told. Roche Products sent GPs a stereo*typed letter, complete with envelope* and first-class stamp, to be sent on to their constituency MPs, purport*ing to be from the GP himself.* The less scrupulous doctors did so; the more scrupulous restricted themselves *to telling old ladies that the* government was trying to kill them:

"Don't get sick; get angry!" screamed the advertising campaign of the British pharmaceutical industry. "We are all particularly concerned for the elderly, the confused, the chronically sick and young children," said the *British Medical Journal*. "A devastating indictment," said a Labour spokesman in the Commons, "ill-thought-through and damaging." Well, we are nearly a year on now, so how is it going? Nobody seems to talk about it – though I did hear that the drug industry had lowered some of its prices to keep products on the list.

According to the headlines in 1981, Billingsgate fish market would sink into the ground when it closed and the refrigerators were turned off, thawing the 100-year-old raft of permafrost on which the foundations rested. Today I look in vain for the headline "Billingsgate has not collapsed yet".

Then there was the *ending* of the opticians' monopoly. Around Christmas 1983, scores of constituents wrote saying that *half* the nation would be blind by the end of the decade, as petrol-stations, "the greengrocers, butchers, the *super*market, or even a man with a battered suitcase on the pavement in Oxford Street", as one *MP* put it, hawked inferior spectacles to the public. A man with his vision thus impaired "could *run over a child* in the street. Let the Government try telling the accident victim it was the person's *responsibility to ensure* that he had the right glasses". Is it happening yet? Isn't it time for an *interim statement from the* Opticians' Association, which was so deeply opposed? I did hear a rumour that prices *had fallen but otherwise* that all was as before.

What became of that flood of *horrid-tasting UHT milk from the* Continent which was to have engulfed us all? *Milk Industry magazine reports that the annual* consumption of such milk is running at 0.01 per cent of the total. *That RIP statue of a milkman*, which the Milk Marketing Board pictured in its advertising campaign *against the Government's plans, was* perhaps a bit premature.

And what about the ozone layer? I *thought it was scheduled for total* collapse before now, brought about by the use of aerosol sprays. The experts were emphatic, so *I endured* the unmentionable discomforts of switching to a roll-on deodorant. In doing so, did I save the stratosphere? Will the relevant expert please step forward?

When he does, could he bring with him a transport expert to let us know whether the scrapping of route-licensing for coaches did bring with it the "serious damage, possibly irreparable" that the Opposition spokesman foresaw for coach services? Could these experts be joined by the meteorologist who extrapolated from a dry summer to the Saharification of Hampshire; and his colleague who found in the last cold winter evidence of the onset of a new Ice Age? I do not wish to insult any of these gentlemen, but just to hear how things are going.

I must depart. I'm touring London to inspect the buildings which used to house the 30 or so Underground stations which the GLC said the *Government* would close when it took over London Transport. I hope to persuade *ministers* to buy *some of them* as emergency hostels for the scores of herpes-raddled wretches, unable to *get the medicines they need, half-*blinded by shoddy spectacles bought from a street-pedlar, brought in, *shivering from the cold of an* approaching glacier, as they waited hopelessly for coaches which never came while the stratosphere tumbled about their ears. I must take care that the stations are nowhere near Billingsgate – and are fumigated against giant African cockroaches.

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moreover . . . Miles Kington

Good lord, that's food for thought

I am privileged again to print extracts from the thoughts of Lord Moreover, which he will be collecting in due course in book form as The Wit and Wisdom of Lord Moreover. *His lordship eats out a great deal – in fact, he cannot remember ever having eaten at home – so these thoughts today on British food habits should prove instructive.*

Some restaurants have great ambiance and not such great food. Others have great food without quite the ambiance to match. Anyone who prefers the latter kind of restaurant has no idea what eating out is all about.

The word patron has become considerably devalued over the years. It used to mean a wealthy *champion* of the arts, but now it only refers to someone who is allowed to leave his car in a *restaurant carpark.*

The French genius for food shows itself in the way it can take products growing free in France and sell them expensively abroad: for instance, French parsley, lambstail salad, truffles and Perrier water.

Being rich is not difficult; you simply have to remember to refer to fried bread as croutons and mushy peas as *purée de pois.*

Always choose lamb when in doubt. It is the only meat one can guarantee to be free-range.

I have never encountered a menu, no matter how grand, without at least one spelling mistake. And now that the *nouvelle cuisine* boys have taken to writing *Magret de canard* as *Maigret de canard,* I do not suppose I ever will.

The major tragedy of the health food industry has been a failure to discover brown salt.

If the menu-writers are to be believed, there is no longer any such fish as salmon. It has been replaced by a savage creature known as "wild salmon". In the same way the grapefruit has recently been ousted by a totally different fruit called segments.

The potato is often described as a versatile vegetable. Considering that it was first discovered at the top of the Andes before being imported into Europe as a decorative flower, that it later bankrupted the whole of Ireland and even later became something peeled by soldiers when in disgrace, it certainly seems to be versatile. But I suspect what they really mean by the potato's versatility is its ability to sit in polythene sacks, ready peeled and cut, outside unopened restaurants. This may be because potatoes can be safely left alone in public as they are the only vegetables which taste horrible when raw.

You only have to be out of London for a month to find when you come back that everyone has gone crazy about Thai or Korean cooking. How much more restful it would be to live in Bangkok or Seoul and know that English cooking would not take over in your absence.

I have noticed that meals improve dramatically in restaurants if you scribble from time to time in a notebook. Once the kitchen staff think you are a man from Egon Ronay, there is little they will not do for you.

When G. K. Chesterton wrote that in order to eat well in Britain you must have breakfast three times a day, he cannot have dreamt that British Rail would one day follow his advice and invent the great all-day breakfast.

Often, when I sit down at a restaurant table, the waiter immediately takes away an empty plate lying in my place. Sometimes he whisks away all the cutlery as well. I live in dread that one day he will remove the table, too.

Every cookery book is quite clear on how to make mayonnaise. You grasp the bowl firmly, pour the oil into the yoke of egg very slowly and whisk it nonstop as it is added. What no cookery book has ever explained is how you can do this with fewer than three hands.

If in doubt about what vegetables to choose in Britain, go for tomatoes, mushrooms and onions. They cannot be boiled, the fresh version is even easier than the tinned variety, and there is almost no way that even a British caterer can muck them up.

Britain is the only country I know where a sign saying "Pub Grub" can be taken as an inducement and not a stern warning.

Gourmet: a man who would shudder at the dreadful habit of drinking tea with a hot meal, but would then leap at the chance to sample classic Chinese cuisine and drink tea throughout the meal.

I cannot understand who goes to restaurants when they first open. It is like making love to a virgin – any keeness will be more than outweighed by total lack of experience.

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A FLAWED FAITH

One fact about the report from the Archbishop of Canterbury's Commission on the inner cities must be clearly understood before it can be properly assessed. Its findings represent no more than the analyses and opinions of the dozen and a half people who were chosen (by whatever selective processes the Archbishop's advisers employ in such matters) to offer them. Given the membership of the Commission, whose balance is so clearly to the left of centre, the outcome was predictable.

The report, *Faith in the City*, does not in any real sense represent the view of "the Church". It is certainly written from a political standpoint close to that of most of the bench of bishops. It may also have a good deal of support among the clergy, though how much is by no means certain. It is very questionable, however, whether it will be found to represent the *views of the laity of the Anglican* Church, whether that is defined in the wider sense of those who attend services only on the rarest of occasions, or those who are *more or less regular worshippers.* In respect of a report which is a great deal more political than it is theological this is of some importance.

The report is already being presented as a new phase in the quarrel over social and economic policy between "the Church" and the Government – almost, *indeed*, as a *quarrel* between Church and State. It is no such thing. Here is no recrudescence of an historical clash over theological doctrine or ecclesiastical jurisdiction. There is only (interspersed with a certain amount of valid soul-searching about the Church of England's own role in disadvantaged urban areas) the familiar assertion that the right way to deal with the problems of the inner cities is for the Government to spend more money on them and to prefer collectivist policies rather than the market economy as the right road to economic regeneration.

That, of course, is well known to be the opinion of many church leaders. What is different this time is that it is advanced by a *commission* formally appointed by the Archbishop instead of being produced off-the-cuff by the Bishop of Durham, or by the Bishop of Liverpool, or, indeed, by Dr Runcie himself. In respect of the matters which have caught the public eye this weekend, *Faith in the City* is a political document, and as such it should be considered.

The report does, of course, start from the Christian basis of deep and genuine concern for the state of the *inner cities* (the urban priority areas). It writes of poverty, social disintegration, unemployment, decayed housing and so on. To describe the urban priority areas, it states, "is to write of squalor and dilapidation. Grey walls, littered streets, boarded-up windows, graffiti, demolition and debris are the drearily standard features of the districts and parishes of which we are concerned." Nobody would contest that description of many inner city areas nor would any reasonable person deny the right of churchmen to instigate a report which draws the attention of the politicians to *social problems that Christians* think it imperative to tackle. The Church has an historical record of pointing to social needs and reminding those with power or *influence* of their moral duty. But the attitude pervading *Faith in the City* goes well beyond that into advocacy of specific economic remedies which other Christians may validly believe would, in the long run, do much more harm than good.

The report virtually concedes that the problem is not a new one. *It existed in a different form* in Victorian Britain; in our own time it is the product of industrial change, movement of people from the inner cities, the reduction of the urban working class, and the concentration in these areas of a high proportion of immigrants with special problems, which all immigrant populations for a time always have. The report might also have found cause to blame, had it chosen, some of the very collectivist policies (in housing for instance) that it now espouses and which were also partly to blame in the earlier post-war decades for the unattractive state of so many inner city areas. It might have even placed some blame on the economic policies of the Sixties and Seventies. But the general flavour of the report suggests that virtually the whole fault lies in the policies of the present government since 1979.

The commission starts by defining the difficulties of the inner city areas as a problem of "inequality". It contrasts their lot with the "green and wooded suburbs of middle Britain" or "arcadian Britain" as it is described at another point. It is, of course, self-evident that the poor are worse off than the better *off and nobody (including the* present Government) denies the necessity for the whole community to ensure through the tax system that the welfare of all is *provided* for up to a given standard. Nor does anyone dispute the need for the government to work towards increased job opportunities and more general prosperity.

But that is not what the *commission means* when it writes about an "unequal Britain". Its real target is the market economy. "It would be wrong", it says, "to assume that a market economy *necessarily* leads to inequality." (The commission's italics). But it observes that the market has "intrinsic tendencies towards inequality; unequal property generates classes and thereby makes inequality hereditary". Democratic politics, it thinks, "may in the name of freedom or efficiency, fail to act as a countervailing force".

How equal equality has to be to satisfy the commission is never made clear but the report *censures the present "more or* less crude exaltation of the alleged benign consequences of individual self-interest and competition", of which it thinks *the inner cities are the victims.* It is sceptical about the idea that industry should be more efficient on the grounds that this means employing the minimum number of in *pursuit of lower unit* costs and higher profitability. Its own preferences expressed in a somewhat confused manner, seem to be the opposite, in the *interest of jobs*, and never mind the economic consequences.

The commission's own remedies are therefore predictable. It wants more government spending, more to the rate support grant, more on housebuilding, schools, child benefit and so on. The quality of its analysis is, however, to say the least distorted. *Thus at one point (having* itself admitted that the Urban Programme has doubled in real terms since 1979-80, but arguing that this has been more than *offset by the fall in other central* finance for local government) it asserts that the only main growth of central government spending in inner cities in real terms since *1979 is on the police.* Of course, this commission also naturally thinks that stronger policing "yields few results". But in fact a number of other provisions for *inner cities*, or which chiefly affect inner cities, have risen by two or three times since 1979 – including housing improvement grants, direct grants, grants in *support of the voluntary sector,* all of which are ignored.

Yet the real offence of this highly politicized report is that it wholly ignores another sort of cruelty which has been the principal brake on government *action – the need to eradicate* inflation. Nothing succeeds more effectively in transferring wealth from the poor to the rich than inflation. Today there are old age *pensioners who had thought they* had pensions and savings adequate to live on 10 or 15 years ago but who now have to want or have recourse to *supplementary benefit* because the value of their money has been stolen as a result of decades of government money-wasting by collectivist spending which it has *fallen to this government* to try, very timorously, to put right.

The plight of the inner cities is not in its fundamentals the result of six years of Thatcherism, which is plainly the implication of this report. It is the result of *the very policies* which this commission advocates. Are the Archbishop and the Commission really sure that it would be good Christian policy for the government to try again the policies which are so largely responsible for the state of affairs they so rightly deplore?

SINGAPORE SHOCK

There could hardly have been a more embarrassing event for Mr Lee Kuan Yew's Singapore government than the dramatic temporary suspension of trading on the island state's stock exchange. After several years of rapid economic growth that has lifted the living standards of its 2.5 million people to European levels, Singapore, along with other Asian nations trading on the American boom, has seen a sharp setback to its carefully nurtured industry. *Output* is shrinking. The Government has made every effort to maintain financial confidence at a time when rents and property values have tumbled in the wake of over-optimistic development. That campaign has now been woefully undermined by the collapse of a group of companies that has been controversial for some time and the subject of a network of speculative deals, but still reflects difficulties faced by other industrial companies and by financial institutions.

To make matters worse, the suspension has come less than three weeks before the planned quotation of Singapore Airlines, which is a shining example of the country's business skills and the centrepiece of the privatization policy being pursued to liberalize the economy further.

Indeed, the Singapore government is keen to develop its already successful role as an Asian financial services centre which has been slightly held back (compared, say, with Hong Kong) by a more restrictive atmosphere and the channelling of most of its own people's high savings through a compulsory state fund. The Pan-Electric affair and its aftermath do not make a good advertisement.

Disaster, however, is often a necessary prelude to overdue change. The latest problem should make it easier for the Government to rethink its attitude to the stock exchange and other related financial services. It will want to tighten up on dangerous forms of speculation while liberalizing the market more generally.

In the same way the sudden reversal of growth is causing a rapid reassessment of overall economic policy. Singapore's economy reflects its politics, relying on careful planning to provide the right atmosphere for energetic free enterprise in a way more appropriate to a city state than to a more diverse country. Compulsory savings have been used to provide roads, power, advanced communications, housing, industrial estates and a leading international airport which the powerful Economic Development Board has combined with incentives, promotion and good educational standards to attract foreign investment. That too has been carefully targetted to provide a mix of growth industries.

But the best laid plans can go wrong. The electronics and oil refining industries have fallen into recession at the same time. A plan to raise real wages to push *the country* into highly skilled industries has instead made its old ones uncompetitive. The compulsory savings system, which has left the country financially strong and physically well-equipped, has also hindered the growth of indigenous small businesses.

In short, the previously successful economic policy, like Mr Lee's generation-long political popularity, is showing signs of wear. The new Economic Committee headed by Mr Lee's son (a charismatic but as yet junior minister) is already starting to pick its way carefully to different priorities. Encouraging small business is high on the list. Unspectacular but profound reforms are certain to follow, and the latest problems are likely to speed them along.

Singapore is suffering the problems of a change of generation. They may be painful for pride as well as pockets, but are unlikely to halt this country's outstanding success story for long.

No cause for praise

From Professor Emeritus Lord Beloff, FBA

Sir, The statement by Mr Bob Smalley, of British Rail (report, November 21) is a piece of brazen effrontery. Praise is sought for providing a new through route from the North to the Kent coast avoiding changes of station in London. But what is not stated is that at the same time British Rail are abolishing an *existing* through service connecting Liverpool and Manchester with Gatwick Airport and Brighton via Birmingham, Oxford and Reading.

My area manager informs me that in *future*, to get from Brighton to Oxford, it will be necessary to change at Gatwick *and* Reading or at Havant; both involve not only the trouble of changing trains but also much longer journeys.

I hope that some enterprising coach firm will step into the gap, thus depriving British Rail of yet another slice of the travelling public – a fitting reward for its proverbial indifference to the convenience and comfort of its passengers.

Yours truly,
BELOFF,
Flat No 9,
22 Lewes Crescent,
Brighton,
Sussex,
November 22.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Using sales to finance new assets

From Mr John Maples, MP for Lewisham West (Conservative)

Sir, It is time that someone nailed the lie, begun by the Labour Party and apparently supported by Mr Heath, that tax cuts are to be paid for by the sale of public assets.

The Government has two kinds of expenditure: current spending and capital investment. Revenue from taxation more than pays for total current spending, but the balance is not enough to cover total capital investment. Additional money has to be raised for part of the capital programme.

This has traditionally been done by the sale of gilts, which carry an *obligation to pay interest* and repay principal. The Government has very sensibly decided to sell other assets as well and so reduce gilt sales. Government capital investment is therefore now financed by a combination of taxation, gilt sales and asset sales. Financing the acquisition of one asset by the sale of another is a perfectly respectable economic practice; almost every business does it.

Quite apart from all the other reasons for transferring many public-sector assets to the private sector, this practice reduces the amount of debt which has to be serviced from taxation. As it is highly unlikely that the profits from the assets being sold would ever *cover the interest* on an equivalent amount of additional gilts, there is actually a saving in future public spending.

Asset sales finance new assets, not tax cuts.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN MAPLES,
House of Commons.
November 28.

Gas privatization

From Lady Burton of Coventry

Sir, Concerning the letter from the Director of Age Concern (November 27) *this is such a very real problem:* and a frightening one for the less well-off members of our community.

It has arisen already with British Telecom where, despite a 39 per cent increase in profits for the first quarter to £443 million, price increases have been announced. These have been at the expense of the domestic user and to the advantage of large companies.

I was informed in the House last night that this position will continue *for a further five years – in official* jargon "for the rest of the decade" – when the formula can be reassessed.

I and many others (from all quarters of the House) are trying to prevent the same position arising when gas is privatized. The response I received in the House last night does not bode well for the "poorer sections of society", to quote the Director of Age Concern.

Yours faithfully,
BURTON OF COVENTRY,
House of Lords.
November 28.

From Mr Harold Limer

Sir, The letter from David Hobman, of Age Concern (November 27), expresses concern for domestic consumers under private ownership. Perhaps he should not worry.

Pre 1940, my then employers, the Gas Light and Coke Company, in fierce competition with electricity, *used to provide, free of charge, to an* all-electric household the pipe into the house and a two-burner Argyle hotplate. The customer paid only for the gas consumed. This was just to get gas into the house in order to compete.

A few days ago in Bristol the monopolistic South West Gas told my daughter that she will have to pay an £80 connection charge even though there is a "capped-off" supply inside the house.

When this was pointed out to their representative she stated that as far as they were concerned it was not on their records so it did not *exist.* Hence, my daughter would have to pay if she wanted gas for central heating.

There is little doubt in my mind that competition of the pre-nationalization variety was of greater benefit to the domestic consumer than the current system.

Yours faithfully,
H. LIMER,
Oldbury Chase,
Willsbridge Hill,
Willsbridge.
Bristol,
Avon.
November 28.

Left speechless

From Mr R. S. Willmott

Sir, On returning to Brighton station *on a cold November evening* I wished to telephone my wife for a lift home. I went to a rank of four telephones of which one had been vandalized and two had been altered so that they could only be used to make 999 calls, while the fourth was only available to those privileged mortals in possession of a credit card. So that was what privatization was about!

Your obedient servant,
R. S. WILLMOTT,
Brighton College,
Eastern Road,
Brighton,
Sussex.
November 19.

A counterblast to tobacco

From Mr F. W. Mottershead

Sir, How should non-smokers now reply to guests who ask for permission to smoke? At a recent small party I had just one such guest. *I had expected the request.* It was a mild October day. I said that he was welcome to smoke in the garden, but not, please, in the house. I joined him in the garden while he smoked and no bones were broken.

A friend took me to task for treating a guest in this way, but I have not repented. As a long time ex-smoker I want to discourage a damaging habit. Nearly all my *friends now find smoking in their* company disagreeable.

Sixty years ago there were notices in buses and trams saying, "Do not spit. Penalty £2". These notices are no longer necessary because spitting has become socially unacceptable.

Should we not now regard smoking in the same way, without seeking to prevent those for whom smoking is necessary or important from practising the habit in their own company?

Yours faithfully,
F. W. MOTTERSHEAD,
Old Warden,
Grevel Lane,
Chipping Campden,
Gloucestershire.
November 29.

From Mr Richard Rhodes James

Sir, It is interesting to note that on the day on which you published your splendid leader on smoking (November 28) you also published an advertisement seeking to recruit extra staff for Forest, the Freedom Organisation for the Right to Enjoy Smoking Tobacco, "to deal with the rising level of campaign activity."

As an economist *I can only* describe it as a massive misallocation of resources. Doctors and next of kin might find other ways of describing it.

Yours faithfully,
RICHARD RHODES JAMES,
15 Almoners Avenue,
Cambridge.
November 29.

From Mr P. G. Caswell

Sir, With a Government education *Bill soon to reach the Commons,* should not every school campus in the country become a non-smoking area? *If* such a *legal* ban applied to all within the campus, including adults, visitors, workpeople, delivery men, etc, perhaps the young would be helped to realise that we are serious in trying to prevent them starting.

Yours faithfully,
PAUL CASWELL,
Brighton College,
Computer Studies Department,
Eastern Road,
Brighton,
Sussex.
November 28.

Civil Service pay

From the General Secretary of the Inland Revenue Staff Federation

Sir, You report today (November 27), "Civil Service union leaders said yesterday that they would boycott any *attempt by the Government* to ballot the 500,000 white-collar staff on a long-term pay system which hangs in the balance at the moment".

If I may express a personal opinion, I believe it would be foolishly counterproductive for any of us to attempt such a boycott in the event of a Government ballot; on the other hand, the Government would be even more unwise to hold it in the first place. You do not produce constructive industrial relations going *over the heads of* the union leaders whom members have elected: tomorrow always comes and yesterday is remembered.

The IRSF (Inland Revenue Staff Federation) executive decision to reject the pay proposals is, I am quite sure, a fair representation of members' judgements. I witnessed the distribution of the 15-11 vote, after all.

The proposed agreement is so flawed in normal agreement terms, e.g., arbitration only if Government *agreed to it and insistence upon a* virtually unqualified right of Government to suspend the agreement, *that it called for a degree of* trust which has not been forthcoming because it has not been earned.

The IRSF executive had a long, real, debate. In the end they saw "no agreement" as the lesser of two evils: "two evils" because life without a pay agreement for the Civil Service is no picnic at all.

However, the decision will not rest there. We are asking a special *conference* on December 10 to confirm it and then to subject that to a members' ballot.

But I would like to make clear that my satisfaction certainly ends with sensing that our democratic processes are sound. It is a tragedy that we do not have pay arrangement proposals which the executive feels able to recommend.

There should be no doubt in anyone's *mind* that the IRSF (in fact, I believe the whole Civil Service) would infinitely prefer an orderly pay system. *They just want* it to be fair: to be even-handed and to provide freely for that very conciliation and arbitration which Sir Keith Joseph criticises the teachers for not accepting.

Improved industrial relations in the Civil Service are urgently needed. I would urge the Prime Minister and the Chancellor to reflect; it is not too late to recover from a situation in which it is not "hard-liners" and militants who have spoken, but sensible, honest *public servants of great integrity.*

Yours faithfully,
TONY CHRISTOPHER,
General Secretary,
Inland Revenue Staff Federation,
Douglas Houghton House,
231 Vauxhall Bridge Road, SW1.
November 27.

Okehampton bypass

From Councillor J. Philp and others

Sir, As spokesmen for the affected local authorities in Cornwall and Devon, we would like, on the eve of the debate in the House of Lords on the Okehampton bypass, to make *clear the widespread support of local* authorities for the southern route.

We are not insensitive to the needs of the environment. The records of Cornwall and Devon local authorities in relation to conservation and the environment are second to none; but in supporting the southern route through the fringe of the national park we are mindful that the public inquiry concluded that the southern route was best, as did the independent Landscape Advisory Committee.

The select committee had very restricted terms of reference and this prevented them from hearing the wide range of evidence presented to the public inquiry in Okehampton. The decision of the public inquiry was made after hearing from all who wished to make representations – 262, as opposed to 10 representations made to the select committee.

The House of Commons has already passed the confirming Bill by a substantial majority. The people of Devon and Cornwall appeal to the House of Lords to do the same.

Yours etc,
JIM PHILP (Cornwall County Council),
JO HAWKINS (West Devon Borough Council,
DES COCKING (Carrick District Council),
HARRY STORER (Penwith District Council),
GRAHAM FACKS-MARTIN (North Cornwall District Council),
HAROLD LUSCOMBE (Devon County Council),
KEN HODGE (Caradon District Council),
SID GODOLPHIN (Kerrier District Council),
JOHN PARKIN (Restormel Borough Council),
Cornwall County Council,
Highways Department,
County Hall,
Truro,
Cornwall.
December 2.

An EEC patent

From Mr David Evans

Sir, Patent litigation may be an affordable luxury for large multinationals, but cannot be contemplated by a small company trying to establish itself in the national or international market. If the Community patent litigation system discussed by Mr Lawrence (November 18) comes into effect, this will add a further expensive layer of litigation procedures.

It has been said that industry can choose whether or not to use the Community patent. A small company cannot choose whether or not it is wrongly sued by some multinational under a Community patent when launching a new product that is free of patent protection.

If the company wins in the national court, it cannot choose *whether or not the multinational* plaintiff will appeal to the Community Patent Appeal Court. Nor can the company choose whether the plaintiff avails himself of the right to appeal; which, under the present proposals, would be before the appeal court in the form of retrial with a complete re-run of all the oral evidence and arguments.

Yours faithfully,
DAVID EVANS,
More Place, Monham Lane,
Betchworth,
Surrey.

25 November.

Unlawful homicide

From Professor J. C. Smith, QC, FBA

Sir, The difficulty about Chancellor Garth Moore's suggestion (November 23) of the abolition of murder and manslaughter and their replacement by a single offence of unlawful homicide is that the range of the new offence would be enormously wide.

A person may be guilty of *manslaughter* although he neither intended nor foresaw that his act would cause more than the slightest degree of bodily harm and although no greater degree of harm was foreseeable. The verdict of guilty of unlawful homicide would not distinguish between such a case and the most deliberate and inexcusable killing.

The matter was fully considered by the Criminal Law Revision *Committee and discussed in* a working paper published in 1976. As a result of comment on that paper the committee concluded in their fourteenth report (1980, Cmnd 7844, para. 15)

> As far as we have been able to judge . . . the public generally wants murder to be retained as a separate offence. If we were to propose the abolition of the separate crime of murder and its incorporation in a wider offence of unlawful homicide, many people would certainly find it hard to appreciate that the proposal was not meant to weaken the law and would be likely to think that the law no longer regarded the intentional taking of another's life as being especially grave.

The present law of homicide is in a state of scandalous confusion. The Homicide Act 1957 uses the mediaeval expression "malice aforethought (express or implied)" although no one knows what it means. The decisions of the courts since DPP v Smith [1961] AC 290 have simply added to the uncertainty.

A new start is urgently needed. The Criminal Law Revision Com*mittee made clear proposals in their* fourteenth report and these have been incorporated in the draft Criminal Code Bill recently published by the Law Commission (Law Com. No. 143). It is submitted that this is the right way ahead.

Yours faithfully,
J. C. SMITH,
445 Derby Road,
Nottingham.
November 25.

ON THIS DAY

DECEMBER 3 1863

In 1796 Poland was partitioned between Austria, Prussia and Russia. During the war against Russia Napoleon created the duchy of Warsaw, which, following the defeat of the French was occupied by the Russians who granted it some form of constitution. A rising in 1830-31 was unsuccessful but it served to arouse intense national enthusiasm and in 1863 a further insurrection took place. It was ruthlessly crushed. Any remaining forms of autonomy were repealed and Poland became a Russian province. Our Correspondent was Thomas Chenery (1826-84), who was Editor from 1877 until his death.

THE INSURRECTION IN POLAND.

(FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.)
WARSAW, Nov. 19.

. . . There have been on the average two lives per week taken on the part of the Government since I have been in Warsaw, and hundreds of political prisoners have been sent into exile every Sunday morning. It is not true that 50 of the female prisoners from the citadel have been sent into exile, but quite true that two have been exiled. It is said that of the *suspected* political prisoners sent out of the country none are to go further east than the Moscow province; though in the first instance, and when they left Warsaw, many of them, and all those who had incurred the displeasure of the Government before, were under sentence for Siberia.

. . .

It is the curse (or rather one of the curses) of this country that no one cares *what happens to it unless it* be some highly dramatic and particularly sanguinary calamity. The suppression of high schools and universities throughout Poland for 30 years was, of course, an incomparably greater evil and an incomparably *greater crime on* the part of the Russian Government than the dispersion of a crowd by armed force, and with considerable loss of life, on the lawless principle pursued by military Governments in all parts of the continent of Europe. *But there is* nothing at all dramatic in a plan for depriving a whole people of national education. It does not appeal to the eye, and it cannot be made the subject of a picture in an illustrated newspaper. The Poles have often of late felt themselves compelled to get their misfortunes presented in a dramatic form, for they have thought it necessary, above all, to consider what would strike this used-up Europe. "Europe," they have said to themselves, "does not mind a people being gradually extinguished if it will only die out quietly; but the massacre of Sinope roused the indignation of France and England, and the massacres in Syria led to armed interference. If we resist the Russians, as at any time during the last 30 years we have had a right to do, we, too, shall be massacred, and then Europe" - that is to say, France and England, which constitute Europe in a moral sense in the eyes of the Poles – "will perhaps inquire what ails us."

Still, Europe is appealed to, and it has now been appealed to so often that it seems to be thought impossible to touch it except by tales of the most horrible and heartrending character. There is, unhappily, no need to invent such narratives; but, at the same time, too much stress is laid on the severities committed in the Polish towns, and they are often exaggerated, while the terrible position of the inhabitants of the country is left almost unnoticed. Whatever be the disadvantages of Warsaw as a place of residence, I find that Poles are very sorry to leave it to *go into the country*, that they are very glad to get back again here, and that their friends are very anxious about *them while they are away.* A proprietor who has just returned from his estate uninjured and free says that as Paris and London *are to* Warsaw, *so is* Warsaw to the country districts in Poland. The double terrorism which *renders* life *so intolerable* in the country is scarcely felt in Warsaw, for here the Russian Government has *reasserted its power, and the National* Government has ceased to be obeyed in all cases where its orders are in direct *and open contradiction* with those issued by the Russians. This, it may be said, signifies the failure of the Polish *insurrection. But it will not fail if it be* assisted from abroad, and without foreign assistance it was evident that it *would fail from the very beginning.* In the meanwhile, and considering that the insurrection has done its work and *that the question* of intervention or non-intervention scarcely depends any longer upon the Poles themselves, I *fancy that a considerable* number of the inhabitants of Warsaw are by no means sorry to find that they are now *subjected to only one* tyranny, instead of two. . . .

Roads to ruin

From Mr Andrew Langton

Sir, Gareth Huw Davies's article (November 25) put over admirably *the devastating effects farm roads* can have on wildlife in upland Britain. However, the article overlooked the disfigurement such roads cause to the landscape.

Having just returned from a weekend in central Wales, I was appalled to note the ugly scars these *roads now carve across so many* hillsides. They mar an otherwise timeless and natural landscape. A solution must be found that recognises both the farmer's need and that of protecting a sensitive and beautiful environment.

Yours faithfully,
ANDREW LANGTON,
Willow Cottage,
Alderton,
Nr Tewkesbury,
Gloucestshire.
November 27.

End of the road

From Mr C. J. G. Stanley

Sir, Before the war Mr Michael Charlesworth (November 22) would *not have needed* to go to Pakistan. There was a notice on a main road to the North of England which read DANGEROUS BRIDGE UNDER CONSTRUCTION.

Yours anxiously,
C. J. G. STANLEY,
5 Shoreham Place,
Shoreham.
Sevenoaks,
Kent.
November 22.

COURT AND SOCIAL

COURT CIRCULAR

KENSINGTON PALACE

December 2: The Prince of Wales, Colonel-in-Chief, 5th Royal Inniskilling Dragoon Guards, this evening attended the Annual Dinner of the Cavalry Colonels at the Cavalry and Guards Club, Piccadilly, W1.

Major Jack Stenhouse was in attendance.

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE

December 2: Princess Alexandra was present this evening at a gala performance at the London Coliseum given by the English National Opera, of which Her Royal Highness is Patron, to celebrate the Quatercentenary of the City of Westminster and in aid of a Kurzweil Reading Machine for the Blind.

Lady Angela Whiteley was in attendance.

Prince Andrew will visit Aycliffe School, Co Durham, on December 6 to open Royston House.

The Princess of Wales, Patron of the National Rubella Council, will visit the William Harvey Hospital, Ashford, Kent on December 11.

Princess Anne will attend a luncheon at the Hilton hotel on December 16 for children who took part in a charity walk to raise money for *The London Standard*/King's College Hospital appeal for a body scanner.

The Duke of Edinburgh, President of the Federation Equestre Internationale, will attend the FEI bureau meeting and general assembly in Lisbon from December 8 to 13.

The Princess of Wales will visit Hollycroft Home for Handicapped Children, Great Baddow, Essex on December 9, and later will attend the Celebrated Company luncheon, in aid of the Family Welfare Association, at Fishmongers' Hall.

The Prince of Wales, Chairman of the Cambridge Commonwealth Trust, will attend a reception for Commonwealth Trust scholars at the Masters' Lodge, Trinity College, Cambridge on December 10.

The Princess of Wales will visit the Bentham Estate Tenants' Association pre-school playgroup and Bean Club for Youth in Islington on December 10, and in the evening, as Patron of the Malcolm Sargent Cancer Fund for Children, will attend a Birmingham hospitals' carol concert in Lichfield Cathedral.

Requiem Mass for Françoise Denison (née Garrigues) will be held in the Oratory, Brompton Road, SW7 at 11.30am on Wednesday, December 4.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr D. O. Aisher and Dr V. E. Knox

The engagement is announced between David, eldest son of Mr Owen Aisher, of Clobb Copse, Buckler's Hard, Beaulieu, and of Mrs Bobbie Johnston, of Prospect Cottage, Priory Lane, Marcham, and Vivien, daughter of Professor and Mrs E. G. Knox, of Presthorpe Road, Selly Oak, Birmingham.

Mr C. R. S. Buchanan and Miss J. A. Crossley

The engagement is announced between Charles Robert Scouler, younger son of Dr J. H. S. Buchanan, of Clar Innes, Harlosh, Isle of Skye, and Mrs B. W. Pride, of Knock House, Stone-in-Oxney, Kent, and Judy Anne, only daughter of Mr and Mrs W. S. Crossley, of The House, River Lane, Petersham, Surrey.

Mr R. J. Ibbett and Miss K. L. Sadler

The engagement is announced between Richard, son of Mr and Mrs J. Ibbett, of Streat, Sussex, and Karin, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs B. J. Sadler, of Earlsfield, London.

Mr E. L. Thomas and Miss C. L. Goodin

The engagement is announced between Edward, youngest son of Major C. L. Thomas, DSO, of West Backstone, Devon, and Mrs Joan Thomas, of Heasley Mill, North Molton, Devon, and Caroline, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs N. R. F. Goodin, of Chequers, Brome, Eye, Suffolk.

Mr B. S. Weston and Miss H. L. Wharf

The engagement is announced between Bruce, younger son of Mr and Mrs N. C. Weston, of East Barnet, Hertfordshire, and Hilary, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs A. Wharf, of Chalfont St Peter, Buckinghamshire.

Mr T. C. K. K. Wright and Miss C. A. Mudford

The engagement is announced between Thomas, son of Mr and Mrs D. A. K. Wright, of Chesham Bois, Buckinghamshire, and Charlotte, younger daughter of Mr J. J. Mudford, of Plaistow, West Sussex, and Mrs J. M. Mudford, of Weston Turville, Buckinghamshire.

Luncheons

Lord Mayor of Westminster

The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of Westminster yesterday gave a luncheon at City Hall for visiting European mayors.

Farmers' Company

Mr D. G. Pearce, Master of the Farmers' Company, assisted by Mr T. W. Kemsley, Senior Warden, and Mr S. F. B. Taylor, Junior Warden, presided at a luncheon held at Butchers' Hall yesterday. Mr D. J. Noakes, Clerk and Superintendent of Smithfield Market, also spoke.

Dinners

Cavalry Colonels

The Prince of Wales, Colonel-in-Chief, 5th Royal Inniskilling Dragoon Guards, attended the annual dinner of the Cavalry Colonels which was held at the Cavalry and Guards Club last night. Lieutenant-General Sir Robin Carnegie, chairman presided.

Speaker

The Speaker and Mrs Weatherill were hosts at a dinner given in the Speaker's House last night in honour of the Association of Chief Commoners

Army Board

Lord Trefgarne, Minister of State for Defence Support, presided at a dinner given yesterday at the Royal Hospital, Chelsea, by the Army Board of the Defence Council in honour of Major-General Nasib Al Ruwaihi, Commander of the Sultan of Oman's Land Forces. Army Board members present were General Sir Nigel Bagnall, Mr John Blelloch, General Sir Roland Guy, General Sir Richard Trant, Lieutenant-General Sir Richard Vincent and Mr Colin Fielding. Among the guests were:

The Omani Ambassador, Sir Donald Hawley, Mr Ewen Fergusson, Mr Andrew Faulds, MP, Mr Anthony Nelson, MP, Major-General James Lunt, Major-General Andrew Watson, Air Vice-Marshal Barry Higgs, Brigadier John Foley, Mr Bryan Basset, Mr Francis Hughes, Mr Robert Manvell, Colonel Said Al Hoseni and Colonel Brian Lees.

European-Atlantic Group

The European-Atlantic Group held a dinner last night at St Ermin's Hotel after a reception and meeting at which Mr Austen Kark, Head of External Services, BBC, was the speaker. The chairman of the meeting was Mr Christopher Robson, chairman of the younger members committee, and the chairman of the dinner was Lord Layton, president of the group.

Mr R. Cooper

Mr Richard Cooper gave a dinner for agriculturists last night at Claridge's hotel on the occasion of the Royal Smithfield Show. The toast "Agriculture" was proposed by the host, and replied to by the Minister of State for Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, Mr Michael Jopling.

Birthdays today

Vice-Admiral Sir Conolly Abel Smith, 86; Mr Leslie Ames, 80; Mr Walter Anderson, 75; Mr Trevor Bailey, 62; Mr Charles Craig, 65; Mr Mike Gibson, 43; Sir William Harpham, 79; Professor G. S. Kirk, 64; Sir Neil Marten, 69; Miss Tanya Moiseiwitsch, 71; Air Marshal Sir Douglas Morris, 77; the Rev Professor C. F. D. Moule, 77; Mr Victor Passmore, CH, 77; Professor Sir Thomas Smith, QC, 70.

Literary award

The £7,000 Wolfson literary prize for history and biography has been won by a work of business history, Richard Davenport-Hines's *Dudley Docker, the Life and Times of a Trade Warrior*, published by Cambridge University Press.

Latest wills

The Hon Ewen Edward Samuel Montagu, QC, of Earls Court, London, Judge Advocate of the Fleet from 1945 to 1973, who wrote the best-seller, *The Man Who Never Was*, based on his experiences in the Second World War, left estate valued at £201,703 net.

Mr Leslie Barnett Prince, of Chelsea, London chartered accountant and company director, Sheriff of the City of London 1954-55, left estate valued at £597,597 net.

Mr John Bean Hyde, of Worplesdon, Surrey, chairman and chief executive of Charterhouse Japhet, merchant bankers, left estate valued at £242,715 net.

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Sale Room

Phillips warm to Balthus's gloom

By Huon Mallalieu

Balthus, otherwise Count Balthazar Klossowski, the painter of enigmatic young girls, has been rapidly gaining in popularity during the past few years. Yesterday a very different, but still mysterious, subject by him sold for £143,000 in a sale of *Impressionist and modern* works at Phillips.

It was a bleak mountain landscape across which a yoke of oxen haul a tree trunk, provoking memories of Brueghel's "The Fall of Icarus". It was painted during the German occupation of France, and the principal ingredient is gloom (estimate £100,000 to £150,000).

The auctioneers are making great efforts to break into the often lucrative Impressionist market, but on this occasion the results were patchy. The total was £437,976 with 42 per cent bought in.

The main failures were a Leger and a Vlaminck, but a surprisingly placid painting by the Belgian, James Ensor, reached £55,000. It was a simple still life of dahlias in a vase, and very different from much of the artist's tortured subject matter (estimate £50,000 to £70,000).

A sale of tribal art at Sotheby's, which produced £190,190 with more than 40 per cent bought in, seemed to prove that the market can absorb only the good summer sales in this field. The strongest areas were North American Indian artifacts and Ivory Coast figures.

● A baroque marble bust of Alexander Pope, the poet and satirist, has been sold by private treaty through Christie's to the National Portrait Gallery for about £400,000 (the Press Association reports).

A charcoal portrait of Sir Michael Tippett, the composer, by Oskar Kokoschka, which was sold yesterday at Phillips for £2,500.

Dating from 1730, the bust is the work of John Michael Rysbrack and was to have been auctioned by Christie's next week on behalf of the Athenaeum club in London. It will go on view at the gallery from tomorrow.

● A portrait by Richard Wilson of an eighteenth century naval captain, which had been refused an export licence, has been bought by the National Library for Wales at Aberystwyth for an undisclosed sum.

University news

Oxford

Elections

ST EDMUND HALL

Emeritus fellowship: Professor Peter Ganz, MA, PhD (Lond).

ST JOHN'S COLLEGE

Casberd scholarship: E N Burgess, theology.

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE

Honorary fellowships: Maurice Shock, MA, Vice-Chancellor of Leicester University, Chairman of the Committee of Vice-Chancellors and Principals, former fellow and estates bursar of the college; Alexander Hope, formerly professor of English, Australian National University, Canberra, commoner of the college 1926-30.

GEC visiting fellowship for Hilary Term 1986: David W Chalmers, CEng.

WOLFSON COLLEGE

Ordinary fellowship: Dr J S Meleami, MA, MA, PhD (California at Berkeley); research fellowship: Dr D J Benson, BA, PhD (Cambridge) (from October 1986); visiting fellowships: Professor G de V Davis (Hilary and Trinity Terms 1986); Professor J P McCreary (Hilary Term 1986); Professor S Morag (Trinity Term 1986); Professor Mary Mothersill (Trinity Term 1986); and Professor P Schafer (Trinity Term 1986).

Prizes

SOMERVILLE COLLEGE

Sarah Smithson prize in modern languages: Miss A E Woodman; college prize in classics and modern languages, Miss E M R Buss; Canon Gamble prize in PPE: Miss A M Sharman; college prize in law: Miss A J Stolen; Coombs prize in English (divided): Miss V J Bancroft and Miss E M Coles-Taylor; Nicholson prize in mathematics (divided): Miss R L Brown and Miss J A Steers; Kirkaldy prize in natural sciences (for first in physics honour moderations): Miss J Cook; college prize (for first in English honour moderations): Miss J H Dale and Miss T E L Jeffers.

Cambridge

Elections

Professor I M Glyn, FRS, of Trinity College, professor of membrane physiology in the University, has been elected into the professorship of physiology from October 1986.

Professor M Cappelletti, professor of law, Centre for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences, Stanford, and professor of law, European University Institute, Florence, has been elected Arthur Goodhart visiting professor in legal science for the academical year 1988-89.

Professor W C Still, professor of chemistry, Columbia University has been elected Alexander Todd visiting professor of chemistry for the period November 1986.

Appointments

University lecturers

Engineering: W N Dawes, MA, PhD (Churchill College), from October 1 for three years; M E Welland, BSc (Leeds), MSc, PhD, (Bristol), from November 1 for three years; N A Fleck, MA, PhD (Pembroke College), from October 1 for three years; J Woodhouse, MA, PhD (Clare College), from October 1 for three years. Genetics: I J Furner, BSc (Sussex), PhD (California) from October 1 for three years; geography: P M Ward, BA (Hull), PhD (Liverpool), from October 1 for three years; pathology: N J Holmes, BA, PhD (Trinity College), from October 1 for three years. H H R Love, PhD (Pembroke College), BA (Queensland), to be Munby fellow in bibliography in the university library for 1986-87.

Awards

Luca d'Agliano scholarships for 1985-86: C M Bramall, BA (Sidney College) and X-H Zhang (Darwin College); Allen scholarships for 1985-86: P N Bradshaw, BA (Pembroke College), M J Gross, BA (Emmanuel College) and N J Marriman, BA (King's College); William Harvey studentships for 1985-86: M J Noble (Hughes Hall) and A E Rosser, BA (Trinity College); Le Bas studentships for 1985-86: S C S Murray, MA (Jesus College) and F J Myers, BA (Trinity College).

Amy Mary Preston Squire scholarships for 1985-86: S M Coleman, BA (St John's College), D M Fisher, BA (Corpus Christi College) and M R Simpson, MA (King's College); James William Squire scholarships for 1985-86: N J Booth (Queens' College), C M Chadder (Sidney Sussex College), J L Cooklin (Trinity Hall), J R Crook (Girton College), P Gilligan (Trinity College), M S Lazarus (Trinity Hall), S J Lewis (Fitzwilliam College), A C Lockwood (Trinity Hall), P S Marshall (Queens' College).

M P C Oldham (Lucy Cavendish), R A Shearmur (Gonville and Caius), M A M Shekerdemian (Trinity Hall), R M Southern (St Catharine's), A Staniforth (Churchill College), L J Tamlyn (Pembroke College), J R Turner (Trinity College), M J L Wedd (Jesus College and S J Wilson (Trinity Hall). Rebecca Flower Squire scholarships for 1985-86: N Bhatia (Corpus Christi College), S J Bryan (Magdalene College), A N Campbell (Corpus Christi College), P J F Hall (Fitzwilliam College), I A Jones (Girton College), D N Lees (Girton College), T M Lord (Christ's College), G C Maddock (Gonville and Caius College), C J Morgan (Magdalene College), N J Porter (Robinson College), D Russell (St Catharine's College), C E Tippleston (St Catharine's College), G J Virgo (Downing College), N A Webb (Magdalene College), M West, BA (Corpus Christi College).

Stevenson prize 1985: P Demetriades (Christ's College), honourable mention: P E Gregoire (Jesus College) and W R Mountford (Darwin College); Department of surgery prize for 1985: N D Kitchen (King's College); Gladstone memorial prize 1985: A L Barbeary (Gonville and Caius College); John and Margaret Henderson memorial prize 1985: P J Hornick (Queens' College).

Charles and Julia Henry Fund

Henry fellowships: G N R Everett (New College, Oxford) to Yale University; W P Kealey (Harvard University) to St Catharine's College, Cambridge; S J Sackur (Emmanuel College, Cambridge) to Harvard University; J M Sullivan (Harvard University) to King's College, Cambridge. Proctor visiting fellowships at Princeton University: T M Borthwick (Birkbeck College, London, and Magdalen College, Oxford); Caroline J Gonda (Clare College, Cambridge).

Liverpool

Grants

Science and Engineering Research Council: £90,860 to Dr J A Rees and Dr P A Chatterton for a study of the surface damage of dry etched gallium arsenide electronic and optical devices; £85,489 to Professor J S Halliday and Mr D Little for a teaching company programme between the university and HEME International Ltd; £78,790 to Professor N Jones for a study of the dynamic plastic behaviour of structures; £269,000 to Dr G J Tatlock, Professor D A King and Professor D F Williams for a surface analysis instrument for surface science and materials engineering. Children's Research Fund: £80,000 to Professor J Lister to study the fetal development of the alimentary tract.

Strathclyde

Mr Stuart Pugh, Smallpiece reader in engineering design and director of the engineering design centre at Loughborough University of Technology, has been appointed to the chair of engineering design at Strathclyde from January 1.

Science report

Monkey found to be carrier of Aids virus

By Pearce Wright, Science Editor

Two separate lines of research into Aids have produced a better understanding of the disease. But while one of the discoveries gives some cause for optimism, the other involves less reassuring findings.

The better news begins with an answer to a question which is always a perplexing issue when a new disease is classified: where did it come from?

Scientists are confident that there is a reservoir for the Aids virus in the wild animal population. The evidence comes from the discovery that the African green monkey, *Cercopithecus aethiops*, a small primate found in sub-Saharan Africa, is naturally infected with a virus related to the human strain, HTLV-III/LAV.

The monkey variety is designated simian T-lymphotropic virus type III, STLV-III.

The African green monkeys are carriers of the virus, but they do not develop the disease. The discovery was made by Dr P. J. Kanki and Dr M. Essex, of the Harvard School of Public Health, Boston, and Dr J. Alroy of Tufts University School of Medicine and Veterinary Medicine, Boston.

In Africa the green monkeys are somewhat gregarious and are regarded as an agricultural pest. However, in the past they have been considered as the reservoirs and carriers of other life-threatening viruses, causing illnesses in humans including Ebola fever, Marburg disease and African yellow fever.

As well as being a hazard, the green monkey is valuable in medicine and in research. Cells from the monkey's tissue are used in the production of vaccines, and the animal is an ideal creature to observe in order to understand the action of infectious organisms that threaten man.

A report in *Science* magazine by Dr Kanki and his colleagues describes the structure, growth characteristics and the markers of seven viruses found in the blood serum taken from wild monkeys. Of 67 monkeys tested, 40 per cent had the serological factors showing a current or past infection. None of these carriers showed any sign of illness.

On the positive ide, this finding is helpful in analysing the pathology of Aids and the development of resistance to the disease. On the negative side, it raises some anxiety about the use of green monkeys not bred in captivity as a source of biological materials for laboratory work.

The possibility of developing natural resistance is encouraging for another reason. The other paper in *Science* reports that large differences have been identified in the genetic material of various Aids viruses isolated from sufferers in the United States and in Africa.

The nature of the heterogeneity, rather than an expected homogeneity, bodes poorly for vaccine development, according to a reoprt from a team of 10 scientists working with Dr Steven Benn and Dr Rosamond Rutledge of the Laboratory of Molecular Microbiology, at the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, Bethesda, Maryland.

They found that although there was a common "signature" to the Aids viruses, when they were broken into fragments for analysis there were major genetic variations. The scientists believe this could be the key to the virus's ability to elude the defences of its host. The findings certainly present some difficulties in trying to design a vaccine.

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Church news

Canon N. McD. Ramm, Vicar of the City Church of Oxford, and Canon D. N. Hole, Vicar of St James the Greater, Leicester, to be chaplains to the Queen.

During his recent visit to England, Cardinal Godfried Danneels bestowed the Cross of St Rombault on the following:

The Rev James Owen, Vicar of Little St Mary's Cambridge (gold cross); The Rev Neville Thomas, CF, Chaplain to the Household Division (gold cross); and Mr Mark Foster-Brown, Robinson College, Cambridge University, (silver cross).

Appointments

The Very Rev N D B Abbott, Provost of St John's Cathedral, Oban, diocese of Argyll, to be Rector, Hemel Hempstead, diocese of St Albans.

The Rev P C Baker, curate, Bridgemary, Gosport, diocese of Portsmouth, to be Vicar, Ash Vale, diocese of Guildford.

The Rev N A Barker, curate, St Paul's, Camberley, diocese of Guildford, to be priest-in-charge, Bradfield, diocese of Oxford.

The Rev J Beach Chaplain, RN, to be Vicar, Ellingham and Harbridge and Ibsley, diocese of Winchester.

Canon R Birchall, formerly honorary canon of Manchester Cathedral, diocese of Manchester, to be a canon emeritus, Manchester Cathedral.

The Rev R P M Brooke, curate-in-charge, Tintinhull with Chilthorne Domer, Yeovil Marsh and Thorne Coffin, diocese of Bath and Wells, to be vicar, same benefice, same diocese.

The Rev W Burman, curate, Holy Trinity, Weymouth, diocese of Salisbury, to be Rector, Exton and Winsford and Cutcombe w. Luxborough, diocese of Bath and Wells.

The Rev J S Cooke, Rector, Haughton, and priest-in-charge, Ranton, diocese Lichfield, to be vicar, Eccleshall, same diocese.

The Rev J W Cotton, Vicar, Lancing, St James with Coombes, diocese of Chichester, to be Rector, Bexhill, St Peters, resigning as Rural Dean of Worthing, same diocese.

The Rev S P Ganster, Rector, St Leonards-on-Sea, St Matthew's, diocese of Chichester, to be Rector, Bexhill, St Mark's, same diocese.

Canon J Ginever, formerly an honorary canon of Manchester Cathedral, to be canon emeritus, Manchester Cathedral.

The Rev G Hobden, curate, St Leonard's, Exeter, diocese of Exeter, to be Vicar, Christ Church, Weston-super-Mare, diocese of Bath and Wells.

The Ven F Hoyle, formerly Archdeacon of Bolton, diocese of Manchester, to be archdeacon emeritus.

The Rev P Hughes, curate, Chipping Barnet, diocese of St Albans: to be team Vicar, St Augustine's, Dunstable, same diocese.

The Rev N Jeffery, Vicar, Roxton with Great Barford, diocese of St Albans, to be vicar, Woburn Sands, same diocese.

The Rev E Jenkins, curate (non-stipendiary), Lancing, St Michael and All Angels, diocese of Chichester, to be curate, St Swithun's East Grinstead, same diocese.

The Rev B J Jewiss, vicar, Rochester, diocese of Rochester, to be also Rural Dean of Rochester, same diocese.

The Rev M Markey, priest-in-charge, St Mary Magdalene, Munster Square, diocese of London, to be also priest-in-charge, Christ Church, Albany Street, same diocese.

The Rev D R Miller, Vicar, Wedmore w. Theale and Blackford, and Warden of the Readers, diocese Bath and Wells: to be also Prebendary of Whitelackington in Wells Cathedral, same diocese.

The Rev N Milmine, curate, Hailsham, diocese Chichester: to be Assistant Curate, Horsham, same diocese.

Prebendary T P Newman to be Prebendary Emeritus of Lichfield Cathedral, diocese of Lichfield.

The Rev J H Parfitt, diocesan director of education, diocese of Bath and Wells, to be also Prebendary of Combe I in Wells Cathedral, same diocese.

The Rev R J Parsons, curate, All Saints, Luton, diocese of St Albans, and Chaplain of the Luton and Dunstable Hospital with St Mary's Hospital, Luton, to be team Vicar in the Durham association of parishes, diocese of Norwich.

The Rev M J Pitts, Chaplain for Helsinki and Moscow, diocese of Europe: to be Chaplain, St Peter and St Sigfrid, Stockholm, same diocese.

Canon G Morgan, formerly canon residentiary and sub-Dean of Manchester Cathedral, diocese of Manchester, to be a canon emeritus of Manchester Cathedral.

Rev D Rankin, Rector, St Mary's, Buxted, St Margaret, Buxted, and St Mark's Hadlow Down, diocese of Chichester: to be Vicar, St Augustine's Bexhill, same address.

Rev J H Richardson, Vicar, Rickmansworth, diocese of St Albans, to be Vicar, St Michael's Bishop's Stortford, same address.

Rev L Trender, Rector, Thornham Parva with Thornham Magna, Gislingham and Mellis, diocese of St Edmundsbury and Ipswich, to be also Rural Dean of Hartismere, same diocese.

Rev E A D Vargas, curate, Farncombe, St John the Evangelist, diocese of Guildford: to be Rector, Ockley with Okewood and Forest Green, same diocese.

Rev P Wright, Rector, Aston-cum-Aughton with Ulley, diocese of Sheffield, to be also Rural Dean of Laughton, same diocese.

Canon D Wheaton, Principal Oak Hill College, diocese of St Albans to be Vicar, Christ Church, Ware, same diocese.

The Rev P E Mann, Vicar, St Luke's, Carlisle, diocese of Carlisle, to be team Rector in the Egremont and Haile team ministry, same diocese.

Resignations and Retirements

Prebendary A Royall, clergy appointments adviser, to retire, Dec 31.

The Ven F C Carpenter, Archdeacon of Isle of Wight and priest-in-charge, the Holy Cross, Binstead, diocese of Portsmouth, to retire, Aug 31, 1986.

The Rev W T H B Davies, Rector, Beckington W. Standerwick, Berkley, Rodden, Lullington and Orchardleigh, diocese of Bath and Wells, to retire, May 31, 1986.

The Rev M E Hewlett, team Vicar in North Creedy team ministry, diocese of Exeter, to retire, Easter.

The Rev D A Quine, Chaplain, Monkton Combe Junior School, diocese of Bath and Wells, has resigned because of ill health.

The Rev A N Oliver Rector, Etchingham and Vicar, Hurst Green, diocese of Chichester, retired, Oct 31.

The Rev F H Vear, Vicar, St Christopher's, Bournemouth, diocese of Winchester, to retire, Jan 6.

The Rev N C Wells has retired as Bishop of Bath and Wells' Examining Chaplain.

Latest appointments

Latest appointments include:

Mr Douglas Badham, to be Lord-Lieutenant for Mid-Glamorgan, Colonel Vaughan Williams, to be Lord-Lieutenant for West Glamorgan and Mrs Susan Williams, to be Lord-Lieutenant for South Glamorgan, in succession to Sir Cennydd Traherne.

Dr Carole Jordon to be a member of the Science and Engineering Research Council. Dr Jordon, an astronomer, succeeds Professor Bill Mitchell on his appointment as chairman of the council.

Mr P. R. Styles to be Director General of the British Health Care Trade and Industry Council from January.

Mrs Marian F. Norrie, crown court recorder, to be a member of the Press Council Appointments Commission.

Mr Gareth Price, BBC Wales head of programmes, to be controller from January 7.

OBITUARY

MR PHILIP LARKIN

Poet of reticence and restraint

Mr Philip Larkin, CH, CBE, CLit, FRSL, who died yesterday in Hull at the age of 63, was preeminent among Britain's postwar poets. Restrained to the point of reticence, ironical, distanced, his output of verse typified the objective, anti-romantic reaction to the lush rhetoric of the 1940s, which took place in the following decade.

His own first volume of verse had in fact appeared in the 1940s along with a novel, but they attracted no attention. It was with the collection *The Less Deceived* (1955) that it became apparent that a new talent had appeared, with a voice which, while individual, conveyed that sense of everyday experience shared with ordinary fellow beings, which characterized the poets of the 1950s and 1960s.

Philip Arthur Larkin was born at Coventry, Warwickshire, on August 9, 1922. His father Sydney Larkin, originally from Lichfield, was City Treasurer of Coventry; his mother, formerly Eva Emily Day, came from Epping.

He was educated at King Henry VIII School, Coventry. Rather than wait to sit for scholarships, he went up to St John's College, Oxford, in 1940, at his father's expense; he finished with First Class Honours in English Language and Literature.

Before becoming Librarian at the Brynmor Jones Library, University of Hull in 1955, Larkin worked as a librarian at Wellington in Shropshire (1944-6), at the University of Leicester (1946-50), and at Queen's University of Belfast (1950-5).

Larkin's first publications were at his own expense: *The North Ship* (1945), his earliest poems, and the semi-autobiographical novel *Jill* (1946). These both appeared under the imprint of the Fortune Press. (Only Charles Madge saw *The North Ship*, at the time, as containing poems of high promise.) Both of these books were re-issued, in revised forms, by Larkin's regular publisher, Faber – in 1966 and 1964 respectively.

The attractive novel *A Girl in Winter* (1947), published by Faber, was for the most part ignored.

In 1955 a tiny Hull concern, the Marvell Press, published Larkin's fourth collection (his privately printed *XX Poems* had been issued in 1951, and a slim pamphlet of five poems in 1954), *The Less Deceived*. This was ignored by the establishment – for example, it failed even to be recommended by the Poetry Book Society – but was a huge success with certain reviewers, and more readers.

A year after it appeared the critics had embarrassedly caught up, and Larkin became the most widely-read and appreciated poet of his generation.

His poetry was traditional in form, but modern in its combination of cynical rejection of accepted values and strong personal feelings. The contemporary poets Larkin most admired were Robert Graves and Sir John Betjeman. He wholly rejected what he called "foreign" poetry, and did not in fact read it.

In 1965 Larkin had been asked by Oxford University Press to undertake the editing of the *Oxford Book of Twentieth Century Verse*, a task which took him six years and involved him in spending the year 1970-71 as a Visiting Fellow of All Souls College, Oxford, from which base he had access to the Bodleian.

While the result of this labour, which appeared in 1973, was less eccentric than its predecessor, Yeats's *Oxford Book of Modern Verse*, it was scarcely less controversial and was castigated in many quarters for its inclusion of too much weak, chatty and sentimental verse. However, though the new *Oxford Book* did emphasise the essential shortcomings in Larkin's critical sensibilities, it did also contain good poems that other editors, more conscious of the idea of the character of the age, might have omitted.

Larkin's output was very small: each mature collection by him was smaller than the last. *The Whitsun Weddings* (1964) was followed by *High Windows* ten years later. His poetry was written, he said, out of an "impulse to preserve"; although latter-day admirers (unconvincingly) tried to make him out to be a "symbolist" and "modernist". In reality he was the last neo-Georgian, albeit with a highly sophisticated voice. Of his capacity to move there can be no doubt.

Larkin, who was unmarried, said that he regarded "sexual recreation as a socially remote thing, like baccarat or clog-dancing". He disliked Mozart, but was well-known in the 1960s as a regular critic of jazz for *The Daily Telegraph* (pieces were collected in *All What Jazz*, 1970).

His prickly, anti-cultural *persona*, though partly a humorous pose to conceal his vulnerable and even sometimes sentimental nature, highlighted his limitations. But within these he was a good, and utterly genuine, poet.

He was a recipient of the Queen's Gold Medal for Poetry in 1965 among numerous other honours, and he was awarded honorary degrees from the universities of Belfast, Ulster, Leicester, Warwick, St Andrews, Sussex and Oxford. He was made Hon Fellow of his old College, St John's in 1973.

Besides being elected FRSL he was appointed CBE in 1975, CLit in 1978, and finally made a Companion of Honour for his considerable services to poetry, earlier this year.

MR JOSEF JOSTEN

Mr Josef Josten, MBE, who died on November 29 at the age of 72, was a remarkable journalist, broadcaster, author and publisher who also used his first-hand experience of life under totalitarian regimes to help victims of state persecution behind the Iron Curtain.

Born in Prague in 1913 and nurtured in the emerging Czechoslovak democracy, he spent his late teens supporting his widowed, chairbound mother. He became a spare-time sports reporter, and in his early twenties joined the staff of the respected Prague daily *Lidovy Noviny*, where Karel Capek was a contributor. He turned to political journalism as the shadow of Nazism crept over Europe.

In December 1939 Josten was in flight with a group of friends, eastwards through Hungary, Yuroglavia and the Middle East, eventually reaching France where he joined the newly formed Czechoslovak Brigade. The Czech units were evacuated to Britain after Dunkirk and he was one of the last to leave.

In Britain Josten met his future wife Patricia. After a period of secondment to the Czech military broadcast section at Bush House, he rejoined his unit for the Allied invasion of Europe in 1944. After nine months at the front he was posted to SHAEF in Luxembourg to broadcast news and messages to the millions of displaced persons in Europe.

In 1947 the Jostens made their home in Prague, where Josef worked in the Press Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, under Jan Masaryk. He was dismissed ten months later in the Communist coup because he had persistently refused to join the Communist Party.

Josten endured a second midwinter flight, this time into West Germany, which was subsequently described in his book *Oh, My Country*. Settled again in England with his wife, he set up the Free Czech Information service, which was to provide uncensored news and editorial comment for the world's media for more than thirty years.

During this period, the FCI news agency's journalistic successes included the earliest account in the West of the first Soviet atomic test. Josten's assistance to a large number of escapees earned him the title of the "Czech Scarlet Pimpernel".

His determination in the cause of freedom and his ability to anticipate the course of political events made him a target for Soviet anger, and two attempts on his life were revealed by the defecting Czech agent, Josef Frolik.

In 1980, Josten's concern at the imprisonment of intellectuals behind the Iron Curtain, particularly those monitoring the Helsinki Accord, led to his founding in the West the Committee for the Defence of the Unjustly Prosecuted, and, more recently, the Human Rights Charity. Both bodies have attracted wide support among Parliamentarians and public personalities.

Earlier this year Josten's efforts on behalf of humanitarian causes in journalism, were recognized in his appointment as MBE.

GENERAL HEINZ HOFFMANN

General Heinz Hoffmann, East German Defence Minister since 1960, died yesterday at the age of 75.

He was said to have played a key role in building up the East German armed forces into one of the most efficient and politically reliable formations in the Warsaw Pact. He helped to organize the building of the Berlin Wall, halting a flow of refugees from East Germany into West Berlin.

Born in Mannheim, in what is now West Germany, he became active in the old German Communist Party in the 1930s. During the Spanish Civil War he served with the International Brigade opposing General Franco's forces.

In 1939 he returned to Russia – he had left Germany after Hitler's rise to power – and is believed to have been given Soviet citizenship.

After the end of the Second World War he became personal adviser on educational matters to the East German Communist leader, Walter Ulbricht.

Subsequently he was made Deputy Defence Minister and then in 1960 Defence Minister.

He took a central role in building up the East German forces to their present formidable size.

After Ulbricht's death he was elected to the East German politburo.

Lady Hadow, wife of Sir Gordon Hadow, CMG, OBE, Deputy Governor of the Gold Coast (now Ghana), 1954-57, died on November 30. She was Marie, elder daughter of Dr L. H. Moiser and she was married in 1946.

Lady Bibby, wife of Sir Harold Bibby, Bt, DSO, president of Bibby Line Ltd, died on November 30. She was Marjorie, daughter of Charles J. Williamson, and she was married in 1920.

CHRISTIE'S WEEK IN VIEW

A selection from our 25 sales in London this week.

Important Old Master Prints from Chatsworth: Thursday 5 December at 2.30p.m., King Street: The high point in the sale of this stunning collection of some 183 lots from Chatsworth is a group of Rembrandt prints including the superb *Ecce Homo*, one of the only 17 impressions recorded of which this is the last in private hands. A particularly strong feature is the Italian Renaissance section which includes two magnificent items by Andrea Mantegna. Also represented is a work of the School of Antonio Pollaiuolo as well as works by Antionio de Trento, Niccolo Vicentino, Castiglione and Piranesi. Remarkable impressions by Dürer, Altdorfer and the Dutch artist Lucas van Leyden are also included.

***Finest and Rarest Wines and Collectors' Pieces:* Thursday 5 December at 2.30p.m., King Street:** Possibly the rarest bottle ever to come up for auction is the star item of this sale. A 1787 Château Lafite claret, bottled for the third U.S. President Thomas Jefferson, when he toured Bordeaux as Ambassador to France. This 1787 vintage pre-dates by ten years the oldest vintage in the cellars of the Château itself. Among other delights is an outstanding selection of 19th-century Claret, an excellent range of vintage Port and many other fine wines, mostly from private cellars.

The Arundel Marbles and Other Sculpture from Fawley Court and Hall Barn: Tuesday 10 December at 12.45p.m., King Street: Rarities from the first important English collection of classical sculpture, formed over 350 years ago, constitute one of the most important groups of antiquities to be auctioned since the Castle Ashby vases in 1980. *The Fallen Giant* from the frieze of the great altar of Pergamon forms the focus of the sale. Carved between 182-165 B.C. it is now believed to have inspired Rubens' *Descent from the Cross* and *Samson and Delilah*. Other marbles from the original Arundel Collection are now being exhibited at the Ashmolean Museum in Oxford, entitled *Patronage and Collecting in the Seventeenth Century*, until January 1986.

Fine and Early Chinese Ceramics and Works of Art: Monday 9 December at 11.00a.m., King Street: Among the most attractive items in this sale is a fine Yongle period (early 15th century) blue and white dish painted with grapes from the Jingdezheng area together with another blue and white dish with scrolling foliage which are expected to realise between £70,000 – £90,000 and £45,000 – £55,000 respectively.

***Important Old Master and Modern Prints:* Friday 6 December at 10.30a.m. and 2.30p.m., King Street:** Following on from the sale of Chatsworth Prints today's sale includes outstanding examples of both Old Master and Modern Prints headed by a superb impression of a Rembrant *Entombment* and a set of 345 plates by various French engravers published in 1726 called *L'Oeuvre d'Antoine Watteau*. The modern print section includes a 1922 Kirchner woodcut, a set of 19 Max Beckmann drypoints entitled 'Gesichter' and a hand coloured 1925 Kandinsky lithograph.

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A lesson in design from Apricot

THE WEEK

By Pearce Wright
Science Editor

The personal and portable computer markets have been the Achilles heel for scores of companies in Europe and the United States. Since even the mighty IBM, invincible in its marketing judgement, came to grief over its PC jnr, the plight of others deserves an automatic round of sympathy and understanding.

But for the sake of morale among the makers of microcomputer systems in Britain, it was sad to hear of the difficulties into which Apricot has plunged. Regarded at the beginning of the year as the jewel of the young companies in Britain, it was seen as the most successful and rapidly growing in this sector of the information technology business.

Yet it has just turned in a pretax loss of £4.6 million for the first half. A product range comprising 14 versions of its computer series has been cut to seven, with the retraction falling heaviest at the bottom end of the range below £1,000. Closing of its West German subsidiary was announced and more than 120 redundancies.

Dealers will be told this week the exact details of the span of equipment Apricot will continue to support.

The company, that grew from Applied Computer Techniques which began as a service bureau in the Midlands in 1965, arrived on the computer manufacturing scene by an unusual route. In a sense it did the reverse of a take-over.

When diversifying the service company, Roger Foster, its chief executive and a chartered accountant, arranged to become distributor in Britain of what was one of the most powerful American 16-bit micros. The machine was made by Victor Technology. When uncertainty overtook an increasingly competitive US scene, Apricot developed its own range of computers and opened manufacturing in Scotland.

A successful run began grinding to a halt earlier this year for several reasons. Ambitions to expand into the US and the Continent became costly barriers rather than doors to new business. And the variety of machines that customers were buying mainly in Britain, on which the best profit margins were to be also taken, were IBM business personal computers and similar systems such as those of Compaq and Olivetti that provide IBM compatibility.

For perhaps the thousandth time in less than 20 years a company in the computer and business equipment industry faced a crucial decision of timing and judgment that indirectly involved IBM. The question was whether to follow IBM's approach in design, and be vulnerable to being left in the cold should the company make a dramatic overhaul of its product line. Or should the firm be content with an independent though smaller share of the potential business?

Such decisions may be made in the boardroom, but ultimately they stand or fall at the drawing board stage. Having ploughed an independent furrow, Apricot has now indicated a sharp turn toward IBM compatibility and the promotion of its business personal computers into the scramble toward office automation.

Yet until recently the product range bearing Apricot logos were highly regarded. And the question remains. How did a British company manage, not for the first time, to produce a high-tech product which seems to have fallen straight through the floorboards of design?

The question is not something that applies just to the information technology industry, or to recent events surrounding, for example, the choice by the US recently of the French Rita communications equipment in preference to the Plessey Ptarmigan system developed for the Ministry of Defence in Britain.

Indeed, it was a French nuclear engineer more than 15 years ago who used the phrase, in an interview, of British technology being "over-engineered and underdesigned". He was the technical manager of the prototype fast breeder reactor, built by the French Atomic Energy Commission, near Avignon. It was the predecessor to the first full-scale Super-Phoenix fast breeder power station just coming into operation. The description was used to illustrate a difference of approach between the work at Marcoule and that of the UK Atomic Energy Authority, at Dounreay, in developing fast breeders. The French engineer maintained that from the outset the design specifications of every component demanded that it could be made in industry without the need for some transformation of technology.

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Political touch marks winners in Press awards

Prizewinners in the second UK Computer Press Awards, sponsored by *The Times* and Hewlett-Packard, are pictured above with television presenter Selina Scott who hosted the awards ceremony at Claridges hotel in London last Wednesday.

The winners are, from left to right, Stephen Arkell of *Computer News*, news journalist award for stories on the attitude of the United States to high technology exports to communist countries and the computerization problems of the Post Office; John Charlton of *Computer Talk*, features journalist award for articles on computer companies' involvement in South Africa and how British IBM UK really is; Peter Jackson, editor of *Personal Computer World* which won the award for journal of the year with judges praising its lively writing and design style. George Logan, photographer award for a cover picture for *Which Computer?*; Martin Banks, a newly introduced columnist award for his monthly column in *Personal Computer World* with the judges noting his ability not to take himself too seriously; Ian Findlay, art director of *PC magazine*, collected the award for best designed journal for the second year running; David Allen producer for BBC's Micro-Live television programme which won another new category of best television or radio programme.

The UK Computer Press Awards were started last year to encourage good reporting standards in an area with more than 200 publications and where new titles are still replacing those that fall by the wayside despite the slowdown in computer sales.

Two hundred and thirty entries were received for the awards.

Prizes included trophies, a Hewlett-Packard Vectra desktop computer, two Hewlett-Packard portable computers and printers, three crates of champagne, and £1,000 worth of photographic equipment for the photographer award.

Each winner also received an original cartoon from Harry New who does the Agog cartoon strip for *The Times*.

ICL aims for bigger share in Europe

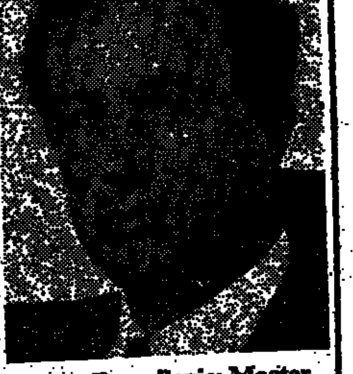
By Richard Sarson

ICL's reorganization of its export sales division is long overdue. International sales have hardly increased in real terms since 1978 when they accounted for more than half of ICL's sales – now they are down to 42 per cent.

It is in Europe that ICL's real problem lies as sales have shrunk from 28 per cent of turnover in 1979 to under 18 per cent. Its market share there has dropped from 4 per cent to 2 per cent over the same period.

In the 1970s ICL showed a European face by keeping a European headquarters in Paris, but the financial crisis of 1981 forced the headquarters back to Putney in London where it has been staffed mostly by English managers.

Now there is new president of ICL international operations, Tomo Razmilovic, a Yugoslav by birth, who now holds a Swedish passport. He speaks five languages and has spent his career with Prime and Encore in the US, and with Control Data, Honeywell and Ericsson in Europe.



Tony Razmilovic: Master of five languages

European headquarters staff at Putney have been axed or changed and Europe has been split into four "regions of similar size, culture and type of business". The Latin South will be run by a Frenchman in Paris. Benelux will be managed by a Dutchman in Amsterdam while a Swede in Stockholm will run the Nordic and Germanic countries.

Employing local nationalities is a move other large computer companies, especially American ones, have felt vital for many years.

The only British-run region, still based in Putney, will be Eastern Europe – which rather curiously has Africa, India and the Middle East lumped in. Mr Razmilovic realizes that no one in Europe will buy from ICL, unless it is substantially better than IBM for a particular task. He will concentrate on particular industries, where ICL already has customers and expertise, such as finance in Scandinavia or retail in Holland, or where ICL has an established product, such as the One Per Desk computer/phone or the laser-scanner for supermarket checkouts.

But Mr Razmilovic admits that technical collaboration is not enough. European companies should also collaborate on marketing.

Whether ICL's better-late-than-never will work is arguable. IBM has more than 50 per cent of the continental market while European companies such as Siemens, Nixdorf, Olivetti and Bull have turnover of about £1 billion each.

Dial HULL for instant contact

By Danny Green

Hull Corporation is spending £30 million to give its ratepayers a computerized telephone network that will last to the end of the century. The same system should link five million phones throughout Britain by 1988.

Once connected, subscribers can hold three-way conferences, divert calls automatically and make computers talk to each other more than 50 times faster than on ordinary phones.

The most obvious improvement for ordinary callers – rather disconcerting at first – is that you get an instant connection. Press the last digit in the number you are calling and the phone at the other end rings. No more waiting for clicks and buzzes before you get through. "It's ten times as reliable as the system it replaced" says Hull Telephone's manager, Andrew Matthews.

The catch is that most of the calls going through the new switchboard are from businesses, rather than domestic customers. Even companies cannot get the best out of their computerized public exchange until they update their own office switchboards to a similar level of technology. Until they do, business users will have to lease special lines from Hull corporation to take advantage of the superfast linking of computers.

By an historical quirk, Hull's telephone system is independent from British Telecom. It is a department of Hull Corporation.

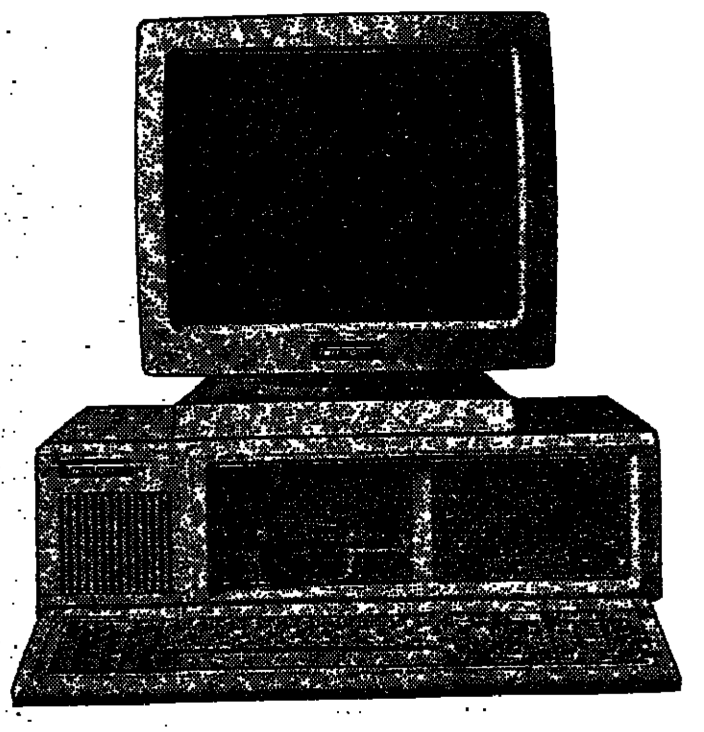
Hull sold more than £35 million worth of calls and line rental last year, giving £16 million to British Telecom for the privilege of putting the citizens of Hull in touch with the rest of the country (no cash passes in the other direction to pay for the connection of BT's customers to people they want to speak to in Hull) and another £5 million "profit" to the city corporation.

The arrival of Hull's super exchange, called System X, signals the start of a wider marketing push by the suppliers of System X, Plessey and GEC. British Telecom is due to buy hundreds during the next two years, to be installed mainly in city centres. They will also be used to switch long distance calls.

BT is spending £1.25 billion on System X, but even this amount will not be nearly enough to justify the investment already made. Nearly £500 million from Plessey, GEC and British Telecom was ploughed into the project, but a series of design revisions kept Sysem X from the market and let foreign manufacturers make inroads. BT is due to spend £100 million on an exchange made by Swedish giant Ericsson. The rival is called System Y.

It is said there are companies for whom several hundred pounds more, or less, still matter.

If you're one of them, take a look at Tandon's XT and AT.



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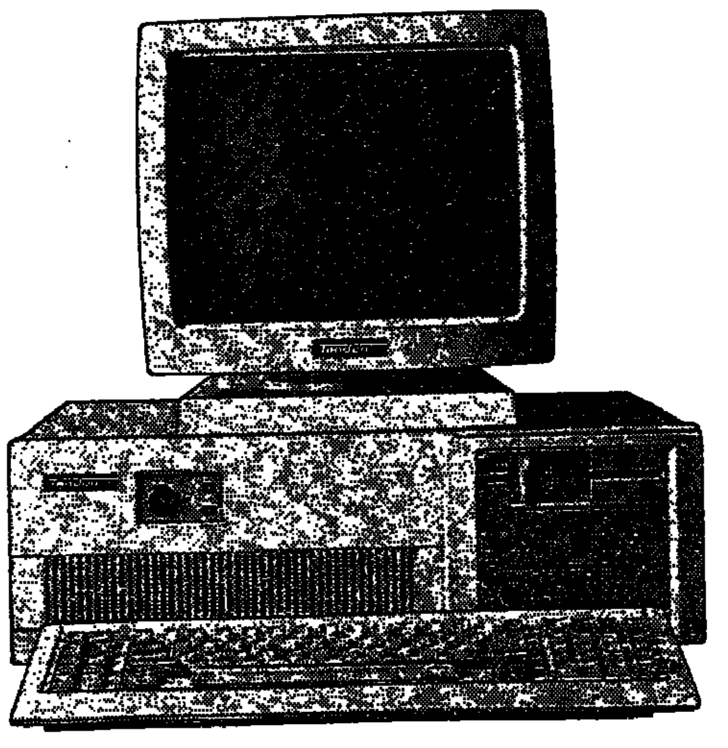

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COMPUTER HORIZONS/2

Every desk top can become a library

By Roger Woolnough

Another piece of technology is about to escape from the exclusive surroundings of the computer room and land on the desktop. During the past few years the processing power of the mainframe has been squeezed into personal computers. Now it is the turn of mass storage to become readily available to all.

The key to this latest revolution is not so much electronics, as optics. Data can now be stored by techniques similar to those used in the video disk and the compact audio disk, and read by laser. For a few hundred pounds, personal computer users will have easy access to as many as 200,000 pages of information held on a single disk. And as the disks are interchangeable, the sources of information will be almost infinite.

Some of the new optical memories are read-only devices, like video and audio disks, but several manufacturers have been working on erasable optical memories. A third variant is the "write-once" optical memory. This allows the computer user to transfer information to the optical disk, but the record is permanent.

All forms of optical recording have one thing in common – huge storage capacity. Ralph Schultz, *director of peripherals* advanced development with Sperry in the States, said a 14-inch magnetic disk will contain 104 million characters per side, but a 14-inch optical disk will cram in 4000 megabytes per side.

This technology relies on the fact that the reflectivity of certain materials, such as tellurium, can be changed by laser beam. The changes are used to store and read information, which can also be erased or overwritten.

A more promising approach is thermo-magnetic-optic recording, or TMO. Sony and Hitachi made simultaneous announcements of TMO projects last year, and both 3M and Verbatim have since revealed similar developments.

With TMO, the laser beam is used not to burn holes or raise bumps, but to change the direction of magnetization at selected spots on the specially formulated film of the disk's surface. At room temperature, the record formed in this way remains stable, and the disk can be read by a beam of low-intensity polarized laser light.

The state of magnetization changes the plane of polarization, and detectors determine whether the state represents a 1 or a O. Erasure or overwriting is achieved by heating up the surface again with a laser beam, which reverses the magnetic state.

Verbatim is planning to be in full-scale production with TMO disks and drives by the end of 1987. Prices to original equipment manufacturers will be as low as $300 for the drives, and $20 for the disks.

But research goes on, and the ultimate development in optical recording may dispense with rotating disks altogether. Several laboratories are working on crystal bleaching, in which 100 bits of data or more can be stored in one location and accessed by laser light.

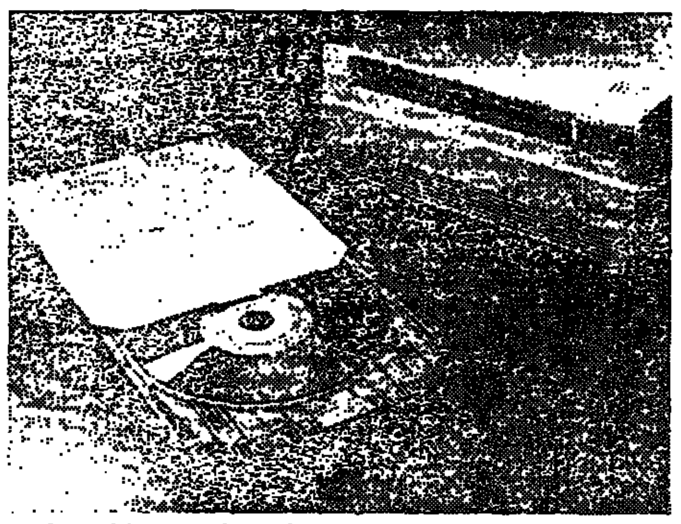
Disks of this size will only be used in big installations – for example, for archival purposes in libraries, or to store medical records. Now smaller systems are on the way for personal computer users, and the gain in storage capacity is just as impressive.

Floppy disks of the kind built into several of today's portable computers, with a diameter of 3½ inches, might store up to one megabyte of data – about 500 pages. Verbatim's recently announced erasable optical disk, which also measures 3½ inches, will carry 40 megabytes initially, and 150 megabytes in a later version. That wil give users a storage capacity of 75,000 pages.

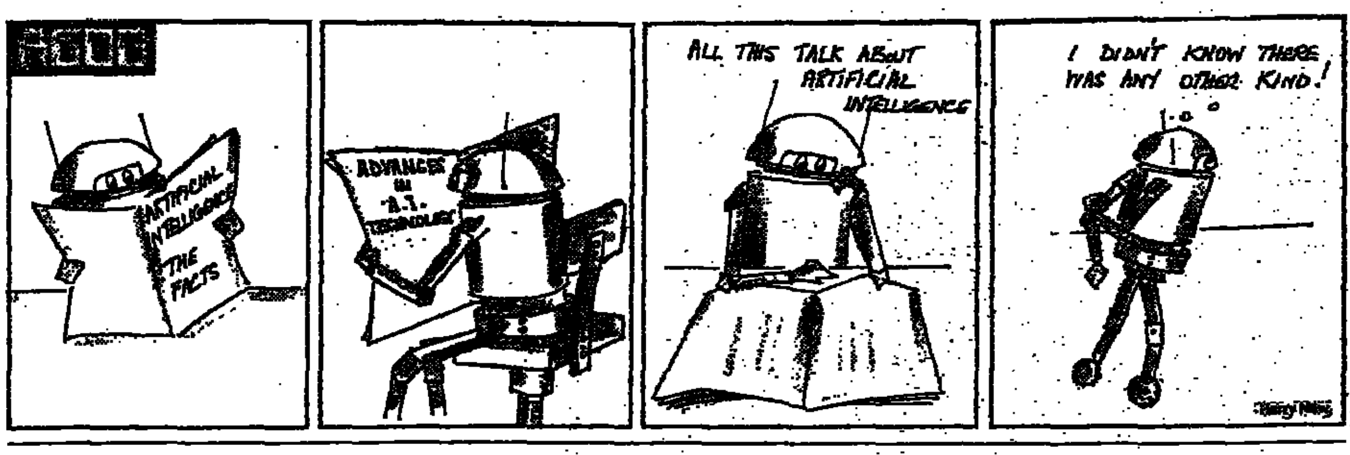
For most people, the first taste of optical storage is likely to come with the CD-ROM, a read-only memory based on the compact audio disk. Philips, which invented the audio CD, is bringing out a data version which will store more than 150,000 text pages on a disk less than five inches in diameter.

Like the CD and the related video disk, the CD-ROM stores information in a series of pits in the disk's surface, representing the O's and l's of binary *notation. They are read optically* by a laser, and turned into the digital signals that a computer understands.

The write-once disks also use a laser, but in this case the beam burns holes or raises bubbles in the storage material. This permanently changes the optical reflectivity of the disk's surface, and the bits recorded by the holes or bubbles are read back just as with the CD-ROM.



Optical disk drive from Optimem: It will store one billion characters (a gigabyte) on one side of a 12-inch disk. Its storage capacity is equivalent to 400,000 pages of typed text and the price is about £5,000



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Personal kit – for £750 and a screwdriver

■ Do you want a powerful personal computer but cannot afford the £2,000 price tag? Comcen Technology of Swansea may have the answer. *For £750 it* will send you a kit to build your own PC look-a-like, complete with screen, two floppy disks, keyboard and various printer and accessory connections.

All you need to assemble the kit is a screwdriver and enough space to spread out the parts. Comcen says that 45 minutes is the normal time taken for assembly but something over an hour is a more realistic target as we found when putting it together in the office. The instructions, which are fairly basic, are adequate if followed carefully but the supply of screws and *connectors is overabundant* leading to nervous qualms until you realize that it doesn't matter if there are some left over.

What you end up with is a computer that looks almost identical to the IBM PCXT and which will run the same software at the same speed.

Perfect seating

■ A computerized car seat that remembers the preferred driving *position of different drivers* is to be made available as an option on 1986 Cadillacs. A small computer in the car, about the size of two cigarette packets drives a power seat adjuster. Once a desired seat adjustment has been programmed into the system's memory, drivers can select their specific seat positions by pushing a numbered button on the door panel. The power seat then automatically assumes the correct position.

ITT, developer of the system, is also investigating similar systems for the adjustment of steering wheels and sideview mirrors.

Chemical chips

■ Europe's first purpose-built factory for the chemical recycling of silicon wafers was opened at Riddings in Derbyshire last week by information technology minister, Geoffrey Pattie. The factory, run by the Exsil division of MIT, will recover wafers that have been *rejected because of faults or errors* in manufacture.

A chemical process prepares them for polishing and cleaning so that *they can be re-used. The plant,* which cost more than £1 million will be able to process over 1,000 wafers every day.

COMPUTER BRIEFING

Supersonic trip

■ Next year's computer exhibition in Hanover the largest in Europe, will take place between March 12 and 19. For the busy executive who can only afford to spend a couple of days there is a special one-off trip available using Concorde, going out on March 14 and returning the following day.

The trip, which costs £599, is, says organizers Kuoni Travel, "in acknowledgement of the dynamic international market of communications technology"

Stylish HQ

■ On the Old Bath Road outside *Newbury stands an immense* palladian mansion, Benham Valence. A year ago the classical plaster mouldings and cornices were crumbling, and the Italianate terraced gardens, where peacocks once strutted, were choked with brambles. Last Friday, Crown Prince Harald of Norway opened a renovated *Benham Valence* as the new headquarters of Norwegian computer firm Norsk Data.

Benham will not only house the sales and marketing for Britain, but research and development for the whole of Europe. Norsk was named as the fastest growing computer company in Europe, *according to a recent survey in Datamation* magazine. It has also formed the joint company Racal-Norsk, to build a "knowledge processing system", to try to rival "fifth generation" work in Japan or California.

Trade solution

■ Japan and the US have agreed to seek a realistic solution to trade friction over semiconductors but *did not discuss any specific* measures. In June, the US Semiconductor Industry Association filed a formal complaint with the US trade representative accusing Japanese semiconductor manufacturers of unfair trade practices. Four major US makers filed individual dumping charges with the Department of Commerce against Japanese makers.

The US industry said $900 million worth of US chips were sold in Japan in 1984, amounting to 11 per cent of the Japanese market. While Japan sold 1.7 billion worth of *chips to the US, supplying about 15* per cent of the US market.

Tandy lap-top

■ Tandy has introduced a new portabe computer in the US, the model 600. The designation might lead someone to suspect that the *model 600 is six times better than* the Tandy model 100, which is a lap top computer popular with reporters, salesmen and others who need to take a *briefcase-sized* office along with them when they hit the road. The Tandy 600 lap top is a big jump up from the model 100, both in features and in price – $1,500 against $500 . It includes an LCD screen of 16 lines x 80 characters and a 3½ inch disc drive.

In return for the extra money, the battery-powered Tandy 600 goes a long way toward addressing the biggest problems associated with *lap top computers: limited* memory and data storage, tiny and indecipherable display screens, and stunted software. but the *higher cost – much higher still if* one wants to boost the machine memory from the basic 32K (about 32,000 characters) to 224K should stir some soul-searching among people who are not absolutely certain that they need a lap side computer after all. Desk top computers with equal or greater capabilities are available in roughly the same price range.

Edict pays

■ Suppliers who use electronic methods of invoicing find 95 per cent cleared for immediate payment, says Istel, a company which provides the *"electronic data* interchange service", Edict. From a survey of its customers Istel argues that the quick rate of payment *compares with only 70 per cent for* invoices dealt with by standard clerical methods.

Istel also claims that electronic networks can save a quarter in the cost of processing each document, £7.50 instead of £10, and reduce stock holding costs by a quarter because of the closer link between customer and supplier.

Standard tests

■ A standard apitude test for all those who want to take a computer courses under the Job Training Scheme *is to be introduced by* the Manpower Services Commission from April 1986. Currently, a range of different tests or just interviews *are used around the country with* no nationally agreed standard of selection procedure.

John Collins, who is in charge of the *project for the MSC, said:* "Unnecessary academic barriers to employment and training can be broken down, enabling the selection of candidates most likely to succeed where it counts – on the job." A series of tests will be carried out over the next few months to establish appropriate *initial scores. In 1984 more than* 4,000 people took MSC sponsored courses at a cost of about £12 million.

Traffic control

■ Traffic in the busy Peking district of Haidian will no longer *have to wait at major crossings for* more than 30 minutes when a computer-controlled system to regulate traffic lights goes into operation. Haidian, which has narrow roads, is a neighbourhood where dozens of universities and scientific research institutes are located and is the link between central Peking and many popular sight-seeing areas, as well as the main artery routs for lorry traffic entering the capital.

The new system will facilitate traffic at 22 important crossings in a 100-square kilometre area. The £100,000 system, jointly developed by the Shenyang Institute of Automation and the Peking Syntone Advanced Computer Technology Company, will go into operation later next year.

Industry concern

■ The largest computer trade shown in the US, Comdex, saw both suppliers and dealers expressing concern about how they plan to cope with the industry's continuing downturn. John Roach, chairman and president of Tandy, which just introduced a new computer, said *he doesn't see anything to indicate* that the period of "consolidation among manufacturers and even more dramatically among retailers" is ending

Mr John Young, president of Hewlett-Packard, said the personal-computer industry, the *focus of the show, has too often* been characterized by products introduced but never delivered and by too many "unmet expectations, chapter 116 (bankruptcy-law filings) and layoffs, fallings-out, recriminations and lawsuits, and we wonder why customers lack confidence. With potential users increasingly questioning the the value of computer purchases, he urged vendors and dealers to find better uses for the machines while *practicing more self-discipline* and cultivating better, longer-term relationships with customers.

Mercury's black box plan to cut charges

By Ian Cheeseman

Mercury Communications is aiming to undercut British Telecom using an American style long-distance service. The service, which will be priced 10 to 15 per cent lower than the prevailing BT tariffs, will be offered first to business customers and later to private subscribers.

Gordon Owen, Mercury managing director, confirmed that the new system will handle voice or data over the public network via a "black box" supplied by his company or using an access code that the user would dial before a BT telephone number.

Similar systems have been in use in the US since deregulation of the phone system several years ago. Two of the most widely used systems, Sprint and MCI, offer savings of up to 40 per cent on the rates charged by the Bell telephone companies.

Technicians at Mercury were reluctant to discuss the details of their service as negotiations *over interconnection with BT's* system were still under way. But they confirmed that it would be capable of handling data trans*mission in the same way as BT* dial-up lines now.

The Mercury decision intensifies the pressure on BT which is already under attack in the high volume and leased live sectors of the data transmission market after Mercury's declaration that it would undercut these areas by at least 10 per cent. The introduction of the new services will be speeded up by the injection of capital from Cable and Wireless, Mercury's parent company, promised in the wake of the rights sale next month expected to raise £360 million of investment funds.

If the introduction of the new cheaper service follows the same pattern as the US then consumers, both business and private, could be in for an *interesting and profitable time* in the months ahead.

The two most obvious changes in the US market were the advertising campaigns run by the new companies and the established vendors and the attitude of the telephone operators.

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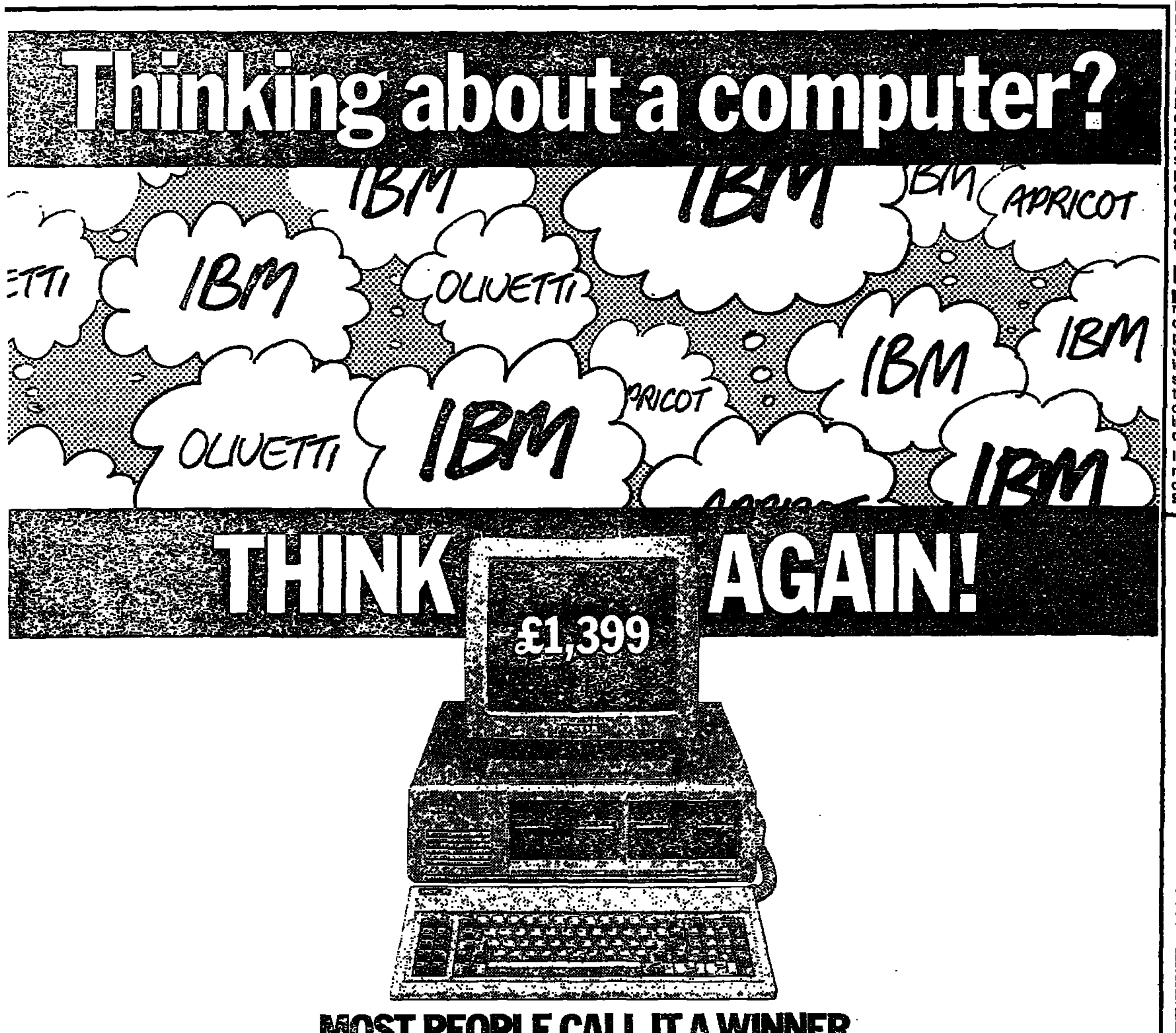

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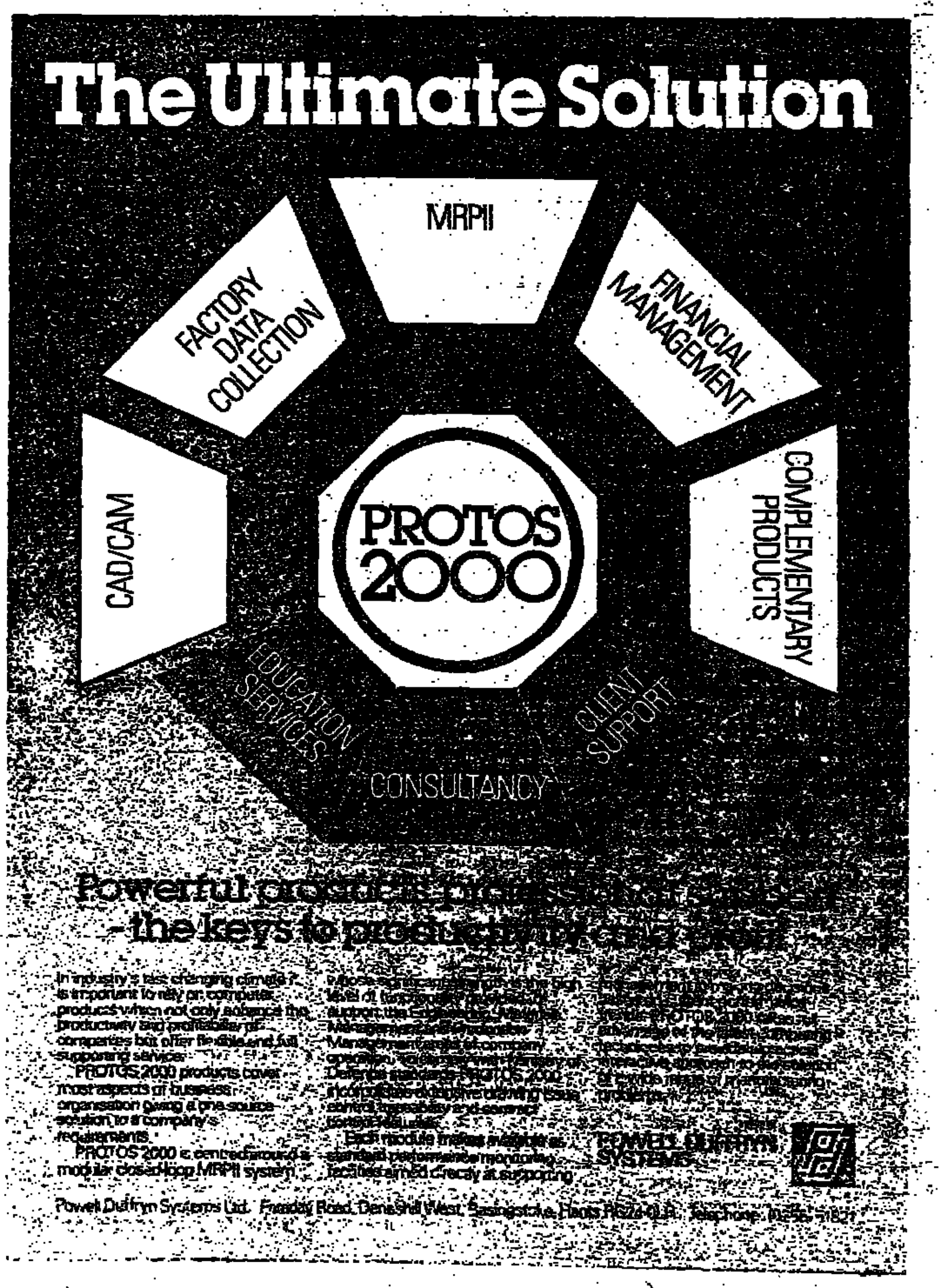

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COMPUTER HORIZONS/3

When price dictates the service

By David Hewson

Stephen Johnson

This is a cautionary tale about two things: the pursuit of speed, and the difficulties involved in buying anything to do with computers.

A few weeks ago my personal micro came up for annual review. In the time I had owned it, my Apricot pc – a two-disk drive version with Wordstar for word processing – had served me well, as a growing pile of back-up disks in the study testified. But...

Well, the main problem was Wordstar. As a program it has hooked me totally. But for various technical reasons Wordstar does not run at maximum speed on most floppy disk machines. When you issue certain commands, it must dip into the program disk before finding out what to do. Moving from the beginning to the end of a long document seems to take ages.

The simplest solution would have been to buy a hard disk drive, which would have added greatly increased storage capacity and speed of access to both programs and data. But at £1,000 a time, a hard disk is out of my range.

Then I read about ramdisks. This is an ingenious solution to the problem of speed, a program which partitions part of the internal memory of the computer – and effectively turns them into another disk drive. If you put your programs and data in memory and only *store them to disk when you're finished*, the theory goes, they will run far faster.

I ring a software manufacturer. "Oh yes, a ramdisk is excellent for speeding up Wordstar. That's what we use it for and we'll throw in a super-fast word-counter too."

So I take the plunge and the ramdisk arrives. First problem: the Apricot has a basic 256K of memory which sounds substantial but is not. About half is taken up by the system files leaving only 128K to play with. To put the whole of Wordstar into memory you need about 100K which does not leave you with enough space to run the program.

Result: a locked up machine. A compromise solution of splitting the Wordstar program files between the memory and *the disk works after a fashion*, but does not convince me.

I ring the software firm. "Sounds like you've got a memory problem there – there's *nothing wrong with our ramdisk*, we've been using it for ages."

"But I didn't say there was. All I wanted to know was how to use it. And anyway, you said you used it with Wordstar yourself."

"Well we do. But that's on an IBM. Sorry."

So I am now involved in the purchase of an add-on memory board which ups my rating to a hefty 512K. Second problem: the mail order firm which offers the best price for this product appears to be run by a charming woman who speaks no English. Boards are despatched all over the country for a week until one finally lands on my doorstep.

By the time it arrives I have also invested £40 in a suite of programs designed to give me more out of Wordstar – it can print multiple copies, count words page-by-page and enable me to use the fancy features of my printer without fuss. I dream of a souped up computer in which all of these disparate elements are drawn together into a seamless package on which I can write without thinking about computerese.

After one initial disaster – a light aircraft flew over the house five minutes after I installed the new pack emitting a power surge which crashed the whole system in a most spectacular fashion – I discover everything works. I reach for a book which tells me how to write auto-execute files – small programs which do boring little jobs for you when you switch on – and suddenly *I* have what amounts to a new computer system.

A cautionary tale, I said. Well, perhaps not. When I originally bought the Apricot starting Wordstar entailed inserting one disk which prompted the program, and then another disk with Wordstar itself. Now I put in one disk *which starts by itself*, sets up the ramdisk and transfers all of the Wordstar suite into memory where it works like greased lightning. The disk drive which *used to hold a Wordstar disk*, is now free to be used automatically for that task of making back-up copies as I go along.

Of the three dealers I used in this exercise, only one, the one who sold me the Wordstar utilities suite, offered back-up. A one-man company, he was full of helpful advice even though *his* package was the cheapest. The rest were interested in selling me something but couldn't care less whether what I bought was useful or not.

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From fantasy to games for software stocking fillers

Stephen Johnson

By Mike Gerrard

An easy Christmas present option has always been the book or record, and to those can now be added a suitable piece of software. As most home micros are bought for playing games on, there are no apologies for concentrating on the best of what is available in that area.

Anyone who disagrees with that view ought to spend some time standing in a software shop. But before buying you will obviously want to make a discreet check on the recipient's software collection first, to avoid duplication, and you should make sure which brand of computer you're getting it for.

This year the K-Tel syndrone has hit the home software market, with several Greatest Hits tapes available, and these are a simple solution as only the most ardent software collector is likely to have all the collection of games on each tape.

The best of the bunch are *They Sold a Million* from the Hit Squad, a £9.95 collection for most micros of four excellent titles, and *Now Games* from Virgin, containing six slightly old but good programs for £8.95 on the Spectrum and Commodore 64.

If you can bring yourself to ask for a copy of *Yak's Progress* without feeling like an idiot, you will get Llamasoft's collection of Jeff Minter's best games for £9.45 on the Commodore 64.

One of the current Commodore best-sellers is *Winter Games* from US Gold, £9.95, in which you get to twiddle your joystick in a variety of winter sports incorporating graphics every bit as good as the companion *Summer Games*, Commodore 64 and Atari, £9.95, *Summer Games II*, Commodore 64, £9.95, or *Daley Thompson's Decathlon* from Ocean for several machines at £6.95.

The martial arts have also featured heavily in some excellent recent releases from Melbourne House: *Fighting Warrior*, Spectrum and Commodore 64, £9.95, and *The Way of the Exploding Fist*, Spectrum, Commodore 64 and Amstrad, £9.95.

One way to show you are not too far behind the times would be to buy *Rock 'n' Wrestle* also from Melbourne House, the follow-up to *Way of the Exploding Fist*, which should be reaching the shops by mid-December, Commodore 64, £9.95.

If you are beginning to think there is nothing else to do with a computer other than bash hell out of it, there are some rather more cerebral titles around.

Anyone who has enjoyed playing the adventure game based on *The Hobbit* is sure to be looking forward to getting *Lord of The Rings*, at a fairly steep £15.95, from Melbourne House, again, for Commodore 64, Spectrum, BBC, and Amstrad. This does include two cassettes and a copy of the first part of the *Lord of the Rings* trilogy, on which it is based – an adventure in which you can play one of four characters, or all four, or four players can take one character each.

It also includes an easy option for newcomers to adventure games so you can try your luck when the kids are in bed without looking like a fool or being accused of getting into bad Hobbits.

As an alternative, try Silversoft's very funny send-up, *Bored of the Rings*, Spectrum, Commodore 64, BBC and Amstrad, £6.95, featuring those lesser-known Hobbits, Spam, Fordo, Pimply and Murky.

If you are prepared to spend a little more and get a disk-based game, then for the Apple and Commodore at £19.95 there is the marvellous *Swiss Family Robinson* from the US company, Spinnaker.

A graphics adventure, it is full of amusing touches and almost every possible input command seems to have been catered for – if you want to harpoon the cow or to eat the dog, just go ahead and try it.

Adventure lovers who are not particularly fans of the Middle Earth type of game might prefer instead the new Level 9 release, *The Worm in Paradise*, most machines, £9.95. This is more the science-fiction with social comment school, the adventure being set in a society where life is nearly perfect for most of the population – but at a price – while life at the bottom of the pile is pretty grim.

From Worms to Moles, Level 9 also wrote the program for the computerized Adrian Mole billed as an adventure, it is more a case of re-living the books and choosing what to do when Adrian is faced with such earth-shattering problems as a new spot on the chin.

If you like the books, Mosaic, £9.95, you should also like the computer game, and it is one that everyone should be able to join in on, as with computer versions of even older favourites such as *Cluedo, Monopoly* and *Scrabble*.

Board games do not normally lend themselves well to the computer, but if your family is the type who are always losing the counters and no one ever wants to act as banker, then these titles from the modestly named Leisure Genius company could go well and show that computers can be fun for all the family (various prices, various machines).

One of last Christmas's best-sellers was *Elite*, a space trading game then only available on the BBC. It is now in the top 10 software again, thanks to a recent conversion for the Spectrum from Firebird, and with an Amstrad version imminent, also on Electron and Commodore 64, all £14.95.

A final plug for my own personal favourite game of 1985, *Back to Skool* (sic) from Microsphere at £6.95 on the Spectrum, a follow-up to the earlier *Skooldaze*. This sets a decidedly bad example in encouraging pupils to fire catapults at their teachers, drench them with water pistols, drop stink bombs, release mice in the girls' school, steal the headmistress's sherry and do other unspeakable Bash Street acts. As such it should have a place in every childish Spectrum owner's stocking.

If you hear chortles from up the chimney, it means Santa has got his hands on it first.

Acorn set to help the business market

By Geof Wheelwright

Despite the recent financial problems at Acorn Computer the company is still a strong force in the home computer business even though it has vowed to get out of the entertainment sector.

This apparent contradiction follows the large price cuts on Acorn's ill-fated Electron home computer, now enjoying a healthy place among the top ten selling micros in the run-up to Christmas.

But the recent success of the Electron is at an unprofitable price – often less than a £100 and Acorn is more eager to try to get a slice of the business, scientific and serious home market.

After a major refinancing from the Italian company, Olivetti – which now owns the controlling share of Acorn – future plans do not include the Electron or anything like it.

Acorn's BBC micro, though still profitable, carries a high and uncompetitive price. Although few would dispute the technical merits of the BBC micros, Acorn seems unable to produce home computers at a cheap enough price to ensure a reasonable level of profit.

Instead Acorn is pinning its hopes on a "Communicator" computer-phone which includes a built-in telephone, modem, high-speed computer system that can use computer software written for the BBC Micro, a basic networking system and the ability to do several things at once.

Selling the Communicator will be a challenge for Acorn. The market for such "computer-phone" systems is still young, with much of the pioneering work done by ICL's One Per Desk (OPD) system based on Acorn arch-competitor Sinclair's QL computer design.

The American firm Compaq is expected to enter the computer-phone market at any time with its TeleCompaq system – which will be compatible with the IBM PC.

Would you choose John Cleese or mother to sell your goods?

By Ian White

Advertising agencies like to pride themselves on their original thinking. Yet judging by this year's crop of television computer advertising it seems that any agency with a hardware or software account has been playing "follow-my-leader" with the use of well-known characters to try to humanize their clients' high-tech wares.

The computer campaign character cast of 1985 has included as diverse a selection as John Cleese (Compaq), Heinz Wolff (Epson), Charlie Chaplin (IBM), the Mr Men (Olivetti), and Stanley Baxter (Acorn).

Advertising executives are finding solace in celebrities largely due to the complexity of the products and the basic similarities between personal computers. After all, or so the thinking goes, you might never have heard of Compaq. But as most consumers are familiar with a celebrity face so the profile of the product is hopefuly raised by its association with these celebrities.

While no one will admit it, the hiring of a star front man does save the agency the trouble of getting to grips with the technology the client is trying to sell.

The use of personalities in computer advertising is nothing new. Five years ago comedian Ronnie Corbett lent his not inconsiderable weight to help Commodore sell its now extinct Pet computer to small businesses.

That campaign was a relative success. Not so lucky was software manufacturer Lotus and its ill-fated 1984 television campaign for 1-2-3 starring Barbara Woodhouse. Now acknowledged as a flop by Lotus, its obscure and highly contentious message was "there are no bad personal computers just bad pc users".

Subsequent research showed just how dismally the campaign had bombed. Sampling the views of 310 computer dealers stocking Lotus, market research firm Context found only three who ranked the commercial "high". About 25 per cent of the dealers scored it "low". The rest hadn't seen it.

Well-known faces were not considered enough in these two examples where other relatives were roped in: John Cleese (top) had the help of his brother-in-law for Compaq; Heinz Wolff and his mother for Epson

Context's research into what dealers think of character-based advertising campaigns showed that only Compaq's John Cleese campaign had the clear approval of dealers. IBM's Charlie Chaplin had an even split while most of the rest had "pretty dreadful" ratings from the trade.

Epson and its ad agency Cogent Elliott have run into trouble from irate female viewers incensed over what they see as the patronizing treatment of Heinz Wolff's mother in the QX-10 computer commercial.

But one of the biggest dangers in employing stars is the possibility that the personality will overshadow the product. The Joan Collins/Leonard Rossiter advertisements for Cinzano by agency Collett Dickenson Pearce is a classic case of the brand playing second fiddle to the actors. CDP became a victim of its own success when Cinzano axed both the campaign and agency in a bid to shake off the Collins/Rossiter association.

Compaq faces the possibility that John Cleese's powerful personality will similarly bludgeon the brand into oblivion. Compaq and its agency Ogilvy and Mather insist that they are aware of this danger.

Micros can provide the eyes for children

By Alan Lewis

Microcomputers are proving to be a remarkable help to people with sight problems. In the past, a great difficulty for blind and partially sighted people has always been obtaining and providing information that is commonplace to people with good vision.

Most people with sight problems cannot, for example, read a newspaper or magazine or write an exam paper. Now a project in a research centre for the education of the visually handicapped in the Department of Special Education in Birmingham is helping people to overcome this problem with the help of microcomputers.

With the software that has been developed in the centre, they can now call up teletext output in large print, synthetic speech and fully contracted braille. Students can write examination answers in braille and examiners can have a print version immediately without going through an intermediate stage involving the skills of a human transcriber.

Even very young blind and partially sighted children can operate microcomputers with speech, picture, braille and print-outs.

One three-year-old girl has proved to be a highly successful and delighted "guniea pig" in the new project. She has a little usable sight in one eye, yet she has been happily able to point at a touch screen to make colour rectangles appear and disappear.

With other software she has been able to choose the odd one among geometric shapes or various sizes and colours. She can make a "snake" follow her finger around the screen and she can alter the display by moving a joystick or by whispering or shouting into a microphone.

Partially sighted 11- and 12-year-olds can also use many of the same computer-assisted-learing programmes in mathematics as their classmates. During the past 16 years, Birmingham University's special centre has been examining tactual perception, braille and print reading, methods of assessing short-term memory in the deaf-blind, the use of residual vision, manual dexterity and the rehabilitation of the newly blinded.

It has conducted surveys into the needs of visually handicapped children and adults.

How the office guru can bug information

By Maggie McLening

The concept of information centres in firms which coordinate and support all personal computer activities, while liaising with data processing departments, is nowhere near reality for most pioneers.

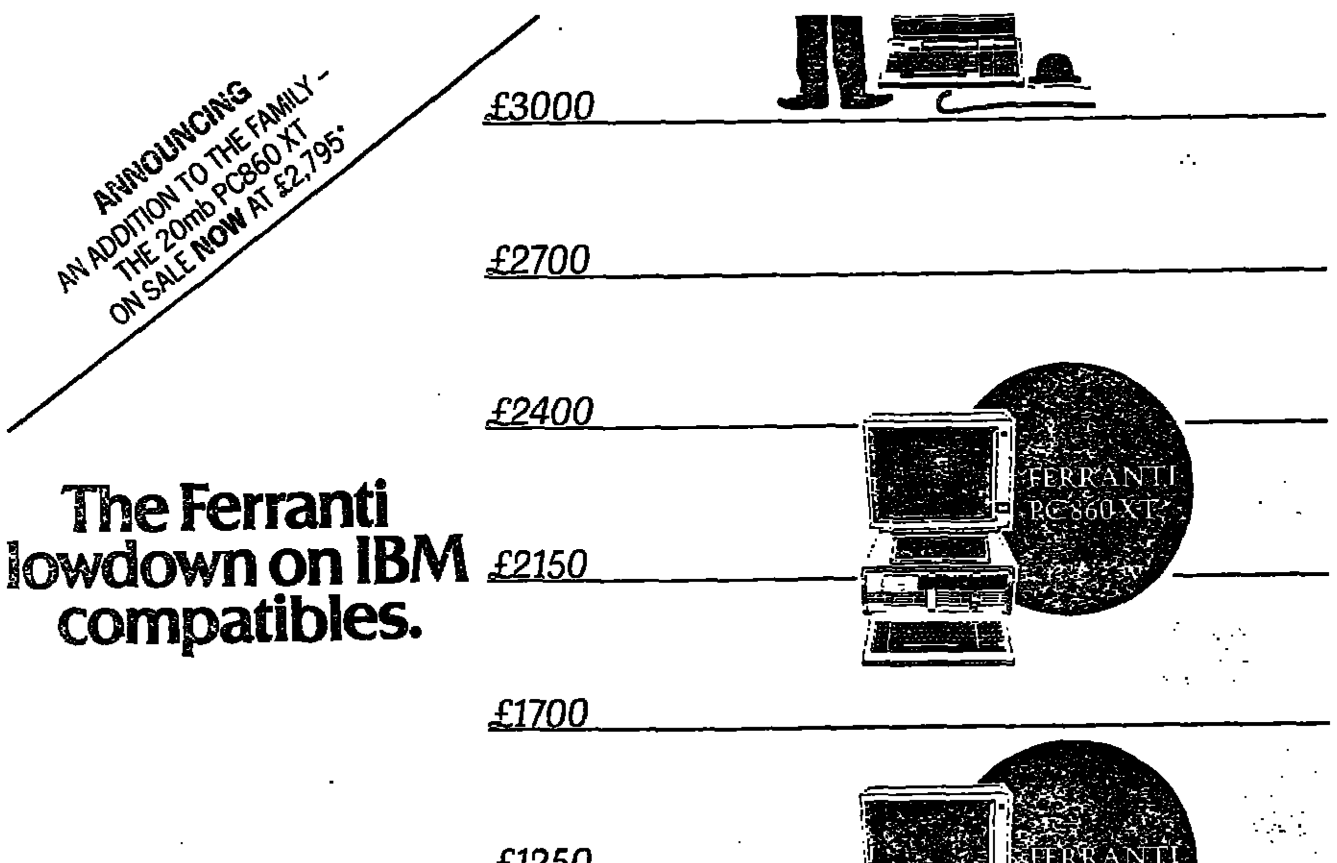
Surprisingly, the main problem is the person who probably started it all – the office guru dispensing homespun technical advice to colleagues, but who is unable or unwilling to do so indefinitely. Reality, in most cases, is still an aloof data processing department surrounded by pockets of isolated personal computer users, with those who are connected to a mainframe computer often uncertain about what they are supposed to be doing with their link.

Eighty per cent of the companies responding to a survey in Holland by Database Consultants Europe (DCE) said they had set up information centres, but only 10 per cent were satisfied with them.

One DCE consultant, Mark Payne, said the main stumbling block is that perennial favourite the lack of suitably qualified personnel. "An information centre is rather like a toilet", he said, "everyone wants it next door but no one wants to work in there. Too many companies recruit gurus who want to carry on their hobby. Data processng departments are not really interested in the problems of small groups of personal computer users – the attitude is one of 'let them burn their fingers, and once their nails are gone they'll come back to us'. As a result, many users turn to the local guru, who may solve initial problems, but is unable to cope when an installation grows, as inevitably it will."

Other difficulties highlighted by the survey are a lack of corporate planning for the use of personal computers users personal inhibitions. Management often fails to support the introduction of information centres, so environments are not changed enough to accommodate them or staff persuaded to use them.

Even when such centres are implemented successfully, users, who had tended to create personal and often laborious solutions to their computing problems, are sometimes too embarrassed to let the data processing department see what they have been doing.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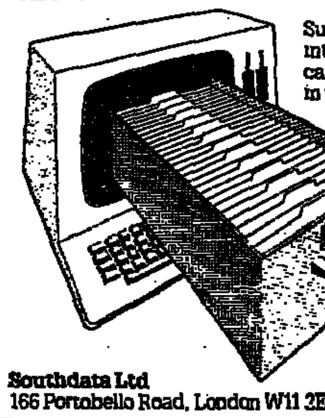

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THE TIMES

FINANCE AND INDUSTRY

Executive Editor Kenneth Fleet

Gulliver may bring off deal of the decade

The grudge fight between Distillers (DCL) and Argyll got off to a predictably gory start after months of shadow boxing, road work and gymnasium workouts, and intervention by the Takeover Panel. After Round One, the verdict around the ring is that Argyll is ahead on points. The food retailers' share-price remained rock-steady at 337p, while DCL's quotation ended the day 7p or so below the 514p a share value of the Argyll bid. The crowd is loving it, baying for blood – and at least one higher offer. Had Two-ton Tony Galento been matched with Barry McGuigan, there would have been only one result: this contest is much more open.

Both protagonists demonstrated certain characteristics of style which are their hallmarks. For Argyll, which has had over 30 capital changes in the last six years, the terms of the deal are predicated on the ability of James Gulliver and his fast moving management to turn a Leviathan round, and the willingness of the City to continue absorbing Argyll paper.

On one level, the terms confirm that Argyll is fighting out of its class. Assuming full conversion of the new Argyll Convertible Preference shares issued, Argyll equity would rise from 200 million shares to just under 600 million. In addition, Argyll plans to borrow some £600 million of eight year money, leaving itself just over 100 per cent geared (on a March 1985 pro forma basis), treating DCL's BP and Bank of Scotland shares as cash.

But by March 1986, gearing falls to about 80 per cent, assuming pre-tax profits from Distillers of about £270 million (1985: £234 million). This sharp improvement is a neat proxy for just how well the arithmetic starts working for Argyll. Arthur Bell, for example, which is the Scotch market leader in the United Kingdom and has still to prove itself overseas, was taken over by Guinness on 13 times earnings. Argyll values DCL on an exit multiple of under 11. Imperial Group is prepared to offer a £1 billion goodwill premium for United Biscuits, while the Argyll terms value DCL at a 12 per cent discount, admitted on what the DCL board calculates to be current cost assets per share of 585p.

The City's judgement of the value of the deal shows in the small print. Argyll has arranged to borrow £600 million at about 40 basis points over LIBOR – a highly attractive rate for any group embarking on a potentially high-risk management turnround operation. The terms of the loan reflect favourably on Mr Gulliver because the City senses that of anything less than a 13 times earnings exit multiple – say a bid price of 620p – the shares are a steal for Argyll.

Analysts claimed last night that a successful bid for DCL would be one of the best bits of takeover business so far seen. It goes without saying that DCL is keen to thwart Argyll's ambitions. To this end, a formidable defensive team, including the merchant bankers Kleinwort Benson and Robert Fleming, has been assembled. Such Establishment strength in depth ought to be capable on past form, of seeing off any attempts by Argyll's seconds, Samuel Montagu and Charterhouse Japhet, to acquire their client. But these are not ordinary times. The mood of yesterday's DCL press conference was testy. Some of DCL's whisky barons are unused to direct questions.

Behind the mandatory gallimaufry of Distillers's message to shareholders ("The offer is unwelcome and completely inadequate . . . rejected . . . take no action"), a strategy can be seen unfolding.

The chairman, John Connell, stresses that the first two years of his tenure have seen sweeping changes in the business, including reducing stock levels of whiskies, rebuilding market share in whiskies, boosting the white spirits and reorganizing group management.

Underlying this approach is the need to hurry slowly in a business which needs loving care and devotion in tricky overseas markets.

The explicit assumption, hammered home forcefully by the deputy chairman, Bill Spengler, is that the Scotch whisky business needs a long-term approach which Argyll, by the very nature of its "pile it high and sell it cheap" philosophy, is incapable of understanding.

On its management record DCL has few claims on shareholder loyalty but it is to fall it is unlikely to be allowed to pass out of British control. Argyll is in with a rather better than 50 per cent chance.

Hypocrisy on export finance

In recommending that more determined official efforts be made to demonstrate that Fixed Rate Export Finance is actually of economic benefit to the country, the Commons Public Accounts Committee has touched a raw nerve. In few areas of economic life, national and international, can hypocrisy be more rampant.

Everyone, including the Government, favours the abolition of interest rate subsidies to exporters on the simple grounds that it is the quickest way of eliminating unfair and distorting advantages which the manufacture of one nation might otherwise enjoy over the rival manufactuer in another.

But, as the PAC points out, FREF was introduced as a temporary measure in 1962. More than 20 years and £3,100 million in Exchequer costs later, it has evidently nurtured a manufacturing lobby, especially in the Capital goods sector, which will be hard to vanquish.

Evidence given to the committee also suggests that the cost may not fall as fast as the Government has forecast. Interest rates have stubbornly refused to decline, so the Exchequer cost of FREF in the current fiscal year could be £448 million, more than twice the Public Expenditure White Paper forecast. And instead of a net inflow to the Exchequer of £50 million in 1987-88, the outflow could be £89 million.

Nevertheless, the committee is realistic enough to understand that the world's biggest exporters are not exactly rushing mutually to abolish export subsidies. So it recommends concentrating on lowering the cost by examining the margins enjoyed by banks, sorting out which exports by multi-nationals are genuine and which internal transfers and adjusting the currency mix of lending so as to achieve an overall lower interest rate.

The SDP's converts go one better

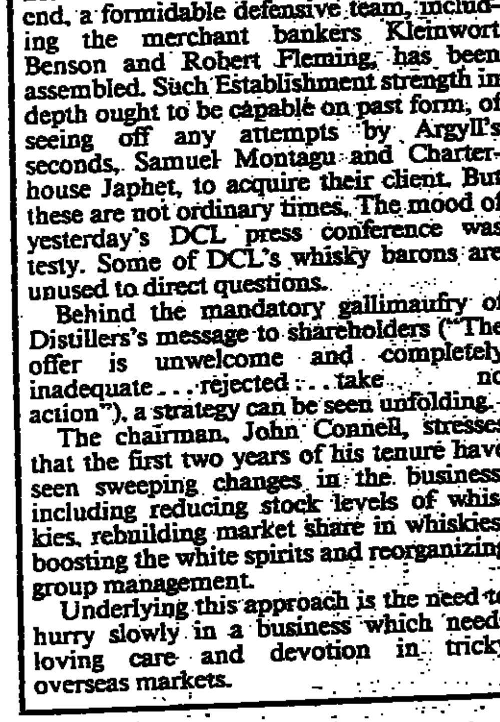
The SDP has become converted to the targeting and control of money gross domestic product. In th New Economic Framework presented by Ian Wrigglesworth to the Forex Association in the City yesterday, money GDP would be kept under control, not just through monetary policy but, if necessary, through other instruments such as incomes restraint.

The SDP had clearly given some thought to the usual objections to money GDP. The time taken to obtain accurate information on the course of money GDP, currently about three months, could be cut to six or seven weeks, it is claimed. Meantime, policy would not be flying blind, but pick signals on money GDP from a wide range of indicators.

The other two elements of the SDP framework are more familiar – an incomes strategy, initially voluntary pay restraint but, for private sector firms, with the threat of an inflation tax in the background. In addition, sterling would be pushed into the exchange rate mechanism of European Monetary System.

The SDP's main card is on incomes policy. When even the Prime Minister is forced to conjure up numbers to show the beneficial effects of pay restraint on jobs, the SDP's version looks sufficiently different from what has gone before to be worth trying.

Pound trades at $1.50



The pound rose briefly above $1.50 yesterday, before slipping back as dealers decided that the dollar's fall was overdone. The pound rose to $1.5010, but closed a net 25 points down on the day at $1.4855. The last time the pound was at $1.50 was on October 24, 1983. Later in New York it was quoted at $1.4880.

Weir launches takeover after Yarrow rejection

Two of Glasgow's oldest companies are locked in a takeover battle after yesterday's bid from Weir Group, the engineer, for Yarrow, the ticketing systems and engineering consultancy business.

Weir's bid values Yarrow at £18 million. It already holds 28.2 per cent but last week failed to secure a recommendation from the Yarrow board of an offer for the outstanding shares.

Weir is offering seven of its shares plus 320p in cash for every two Yarrow ordinary shares. On yesterday's closing prices this values each Yarrow share at 443p, well below the 498p close.

The bid terms are complicated, however, by Yarrow's claim for compensation from the Government over the nationalization of its shipyard.

To accommodate this possible windfall, Weir is also offering "B" loan notes with a minimum nominal value of 20p, which will be increased in value by 70 per cent of any attributable compensation

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Laing emerges as the driving force in new Imperial group

By Alison Eadie

Imperial Group and United Biscuits yesterday officially unveiled a £1.32 billion corporate merger which will create a food, tobacco and brewing group with annual sales of morthan £6 billion.

The combined group will be one of Britain's largest companies and a potent force in manufacturing, including brand names like McVitie's digestives and Terry's chocolates from United Biscuits and Golden Wonder crisps and Courage Best bitter from Imperial.

The board will be headed initially by Mr Goeffrey Kent, aged 63, the chairman of Imperial. He plans to retire in March 1987 and will be succeeded as chairman by Sir Hector Laing, chairman of United Biscuits, who is a year younger. Sir Hector will be deputy chairman and chief executie until then. He does not plan to retire for a number of years.

Merger of the giants... Geoffrey Kent, left, of Imperial, and Sir Hector Laing, of United Biscuits, who succeed him as chairman in 1987.

Mr James Blyth of United Biscuits will be finance director of the new group and Mr Robert Clarke, also of United Biscuits, will become chairman and chief executive of the foods division.

Mr Gerry Sharman, previously chairman of Imperial Foods, will become director of corporate development and planning. Mr Michael Pickard will continue as chairman and chief executive of the od Imperial brewing and leisure division.

Both Mr Kent and Sir Hector were keen to stress that the merger was a positive and not defensive move.

Mr Kent said Imperial had been looking for a strategic acquisition and had fixed on United Biscuits as the most suitable company in late spring. "The industrial logic must be the primary consideration in a deal of this size," he said.

Sir Hector said the considerable synergy between the two companies would give consumers in the United Kingdom better value for money and there was greater potential for growth overseas as a combined force.

The cash flow from Imperial's tobacco division could be used to build up the business in the United States, Europe and the Third World.

Taking on the big American food groups like Procter & Gamble, R J Reynolds/Nabisco and Philip Morris/General Foods is a large part of the reason for the merger.

Unilever and Nestle/Carnation also compete in the domestic market. In comparison with such international giants, Imperial/United Biscuits sales of £6 billion a year do not look large.

The new group is hoping the Office of Fair Trading will take a worldwide view of the merger.

The combined share of the United Kingdom snacks (crisps and nuts) market is 45 per cent and could present monopoly problems, if the OFT takes a narrow view.

The terms of the merger are five new shares in Imperial for four shares in United Biscuits.

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Allied hits out at Elders bid

By Lawrence Lever

Allied-Lyons, the food and drinks group, yesterday launched its formal defence to the £1.8 billion takeover bid from Elders IXL urging shareholders to reject the bid as being "completely unacceptable, in amount, in form and in substance.

Elders IXL, charied by Mr John Elliott, is described in the document as "strong on one thing only – grossly extravagant ambition."

The document, which contains no profit forecast, cites Alled's growth record in terms of corporate profit and returns to shareholders, as reasons for the company remaining independent.

Pretax profits are shown rising from £112.4 million in 1981 to £219 million in the last financial year. At the same time Allied claims a compound annual growth of 13 per cent in earnings per share terms, and a fourfold increase in the Allied-Lyons share price since the beginning of 1981.

Sir Derrick Holden-Brown in a letter to shareholders included within the defence document, that Elders is not suitable to be the owner of Allied-Lyons.

"It has given no meaningful assurances to our employees its management is inadequate, it is too small, it has a disappointing record and it wants to dismember your cohesive powerful-roup".

International war: John Elliott

Allied also attacks Elders' 255p offer of floating rate notes or cash for the company's shares, on the grounds that it is well below the present share price and ignores "the upward stockmarket rerating of Allied-Lyons shares."

Thedocument labels income comparisons between the floating rate notes and Allied Lyons shares contained in the Elders IXL offer document as "spurious".

Mr Andrew Cummins, group director strategy at Elders IXL said that the Allied-Lyons document" dodged all the fundamental questions raised in our offer document.

Argyll launches £1.9 billion record offer for Distillers

By Jeremy Warner
Business Correspondent

Distillers, Britain's leading Scotch whisky group, yesterday became the target of the country's biggest takeover bid.

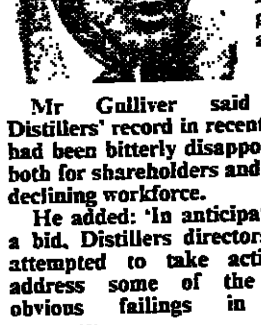
Argyll, the food retailing group run by Mr James Gulliver, began what promises to be an epoch-making takeover battle by launching a £1.9 billion offer for the Edinburgh-based company, just exceeding the £1.8 billion being offered by Elders for Allied-Lyons.

The 513p a share offer was rejected as "unwelcome and completely inadequate"

Mr John Connell, the chairman, said Argyll was a "high turnover low margin supermarket chain with absolutely no experience of marketing high value internationally branded drink products".

Mr Bill Spengler, the American recruited to bolster Distillers' top management, drove home the counter-attack by condemning Mr James Gulliver, Argyll's chairman, as unfit to sell Distillers' whisky.

He said: "Jimmy deals in potatoes and canned beans. We are not selling brown water in cheap bottles. We are selling Scotch and that requires international marketing expertise."



Battle of the giants... James Gulliver, left, of Argyll, and John Connell, of Distillers, principals in Britain's biggest takeover attempts.

Mr Gulliver said that Distillers' record in recent years had been bitterly disappointing, both for shareholders and for its declining workforce.

He added: 'In anticipation of a bid, Distillers directors have attempted to take action to address some of the more obvious failings in their company.

"But no amount of belated and cosmetic activity can disguise the sad decline of one of Scotland's best known companies."

Argyll is offering eight of its ordinary shares, 10 new convertible preference shares, and £14.50 in cash for every 10 Distillers shares.

Underwriting of a cash alternative offer worth 485p per Distillers share was successfully completed yesterday by Rowe & Pitman, Panure Gordon and Scrimgeour Vickers, the stock broking firms.

There was intense speculation that the Royal Bank of Scotland Group will be dismissed by Distillers as its lead banker for taking part in the £600 million transferable loan facility that will fund the cash element in Argyll's bid.

Other banks involved in the facility are Midland, Citibank, Samuel Montagu and Charterhouse.

Samuel Montagu, Argyll's lead merchant bank, has geared the fees paid to those who took part in the sub-underwriting to ensure a premimum for success. If the offer fails, the cost of the underwriting will be limited to less than £10 million.

The would-be whisky king,

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IN BRIEF

Shares lose £2.8 billion

Equities had their worst day since early July yesterday as the City mustered its resources for underwriting calls totalling about £2,000 million.

The FT share index fell 18.5 points to 1,124.4 points and the FT-SE share index retreated 20.6 points to 1,418.5 points.

According to Datastream the slide wiped more than £2,800 million from market values.

The sudden closure of the Singapore Stock Exchange dampened sentiment and the shares of companies with Far Eastern links lost ground. Sterling's strength against the dollar was an inhibiting influence on companies with substantial US earnings.

Stores were particularly weak as takeover excitement evaporated. The final October sales figures helped depress the sector.

Government stocks achieved gains of around £1¼, helped by sterling's strength.

Tin crisis talks

The International Tin Council adjourned after meeting briefly yesterday and will resume attempts to resolve the tin crisis today. The Government is pressing other members of the European Econonomic Community to agree to accept their obligations. In Zurich the Swiss banks held their new silver fixing in an attempt to wrest the business from the London Metal Exchange.

Polly Peck up

Polly Peck, the fruit packer, lifted profits from £50.6 million to £61.1 million before tax in the year to August 31. Turnover rose from £137 million to £206 million and the final dividend is up from 2.5p to 3.75p.

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Credit increase

Hire purchase and other retail credit was buoyant in October, despite a larger-than-expected fall in retail sales. New credit advanced totalled £1.15 billion, up from £1.13 billion in September. Retail sales volume dropped 1.6 per cent to 114.1 (1980=100).

Local aid boost

A new government aid scheme to help local enterprise agencies in England will run for five years from April, Mr David Trippier, the Small Firms Minister, announced yesterday. Up to £2.5 million has been allocated for the first year of the scheme.

MARKET SUMMARY

STOCK MARKETS

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FT All Share	688.02 (−8.51)
FT Govt Securities	83.96 (+0.15)
FT-SE 100	1418.5 (−20.6)
Bargains	26,864
Datastream USM	109.19 (−0.13)
New York	
Dow Jones	1461.46 (−10.65)
Tokyo	
Nikkei Dow	12796.92 (+17.39)
Hong Kong:	
Hang Seng	1694.97 (−22.38)
Amsterdam: Gen	239.2 (−0.2)
Sydney: AO	988.3 (−2.3)
Frankfurt:	
Commerzbank	1689.2 (−36.4)
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Dominion Intl.	109p	+7p
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Bisichi Tin	15p	+1p
Kwahu	30p	+2p
Victor Prods.	122p	+8p
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Stoddard Hdgs.	18p	+1p
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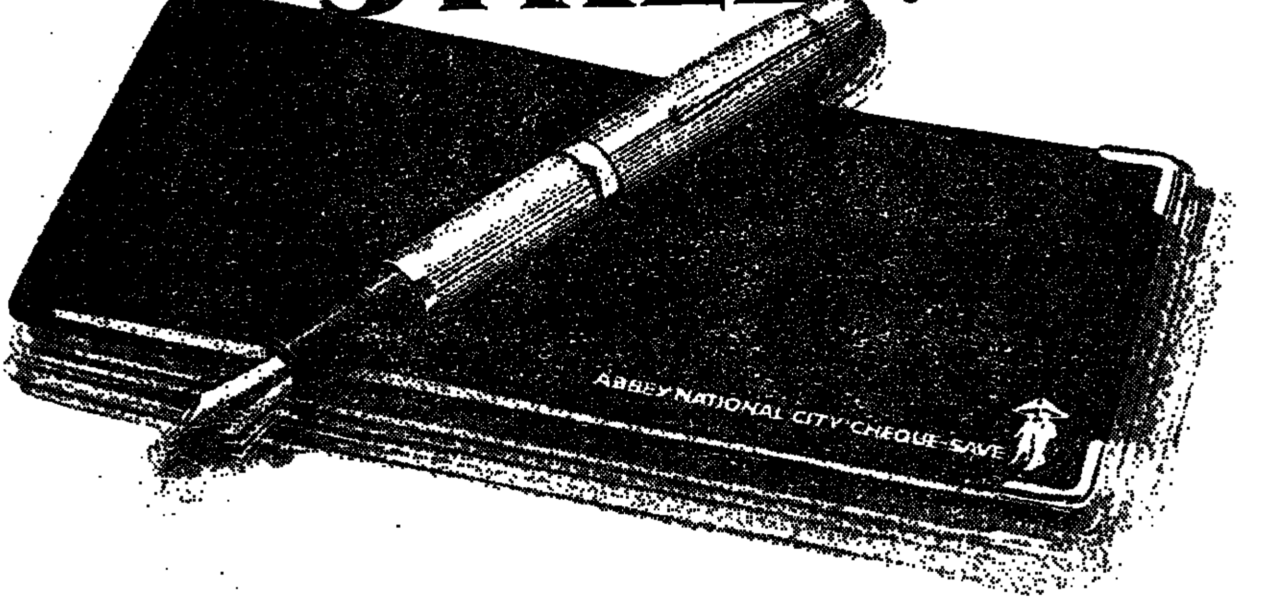
Bank Base: 11½%
3-month Interbank 11 9/16–11 7/16%
3-month eligible bills:
buying rate 11–10 15/16%
US:
Prime Rate 9.50%
Federal Funds 9⅝%
3-month Treasury Bills 7.20–7.18%
30-year bond price 100⅛–100 5/16



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	Nov 29	Nov 28		Nov 29	Nov 28		Nov 29	Nov 28
AMR	42⅝	40⅞	Exxon Corp	53⅝	54	Pfizer	53¼	53¼
ASA	35½	36⅜	Fed Dept Stores	67⅛	67⅝	Phelps Dodge	21¼	21½
Allied Signal	46⅛	45⅞	Firestone	20⅛	20⅝	Philip Morris	79⅝	78⅝
Allied Stores	65⅝	66¼	Fst Chicago	25⅝	25½	Phillips Petrol	13⅛	13
Allis Chalmers	3¼	3⅜	Fst Intrst Bncp	52	51⅞	Polaroid	38⅝	38½
Alcoa	35⅞	36⅝	Fst Penn Corp	6⅜	6⅝	PPG Ind	49⅞	50¼
Amax Inc	11⅝	11⅝	Ford	53⅞	54⅞	Procter Gamble	67⅝	66¾
Amerada Hess	26⅞	29⅞	GAF Corp	47⅞	48⅛	Pub Ser El & Gas	30⅝	30⅝
Am Brands	61½	61	GTE Corp	42⅛	43	Raytheon	50⅝	50
Am Broadcast	119⅝	119⅝	Gen Corp	62½	62½	RCA Corp	47½	47¾
Am Can	63⅞	64¼	Gen Dynamics	68⅝	68¼	Reynolds Ind	29	29
Am Cyanamid	58⅞	58⅝	Gen Electric	65⅝	65⅞	Reynolds Metal	34½	34⅝
Am Elec Power	22⅝	22⅛	Gen Inst	16½	16¼	Rockwell Int	38	36⅝
Am Express	49⅞	49	Gen Mills	59½	59⅝	Royal Dutch	64	64½
Am Home	61½	61	Gen Motors	70⅛	70½	Safeways	35	34⅝
Am Motors	2⅝	2⅝	Gen Pub Util NY	16¼	16¼	Sara Lee	48½	48½
Am Standard	34⅝	35⅜	Genesco	3½	3¼	SFE Sopac	35⅝	35½
Am Telephone	23⅝	23½	Georgia Pacific	24⅞	24⅞	SCM	72⅝	72⅝
Amoco	67⅛	67⅝	Gillette	69⅝	70½	Schlumberger	57⅛	38
Armco Steel	9⅜	9⅝	Goodrich	32⅞	33	Scott Paper	45⅞	46¼
Asarco	17⅞	18⅝	Goodyear	28⅝	29	Seagram	45⅛	44⅞
Ashland Oil	37⅝	37⅛	Gould Inc	30¼	30	Sears Roebuck	37	37½
Atlntic Richfield	67	67⅛	Grace	40⅞	40¾	Shell Trans	39½	39¾
Avon Products	27¾	27½	Gt Atlc & Pacific	19	18¼	Singer	42⅝	42⅝
Bankers Tst NY	68⅛	68⅝	Greyhound	30¼	31½	Smithkline Beck	77⅛	76½
Bankamerica	14¼	14¼	Grumman Corp	32⅝	32⅝	Sony	18⅝	18¼
Bank of Boston	56⅛	55¾	Gulf & West	46½	46⅝	Sth Cal Edison	24⅞	25
Bank of NY	44⅞	44⅝	Heinz H. J.	32⅝	32⅞	Sperry Corp	49¾	49⅞
Baxter Trav	15¼	14⅞	Hercules	38	37⅞	Std Oil Ohio	52¼	52⅝
Beatrice Foods	46⅝	46⅛	Hewlett-Pkrd	35⅞	35½	Sterling Drug	39	39
Bethlehem Steel	16⅜	16½	Honeywell	69	70	Stevens J. P.	27¾	27⅝
Boeing	49⅛	48½	IC Inds	39½	39⅝	Sun Comp	50⅝	50⅝
Boise Cascade	44¼	44¾	Ingersoll	56½	55½	Teledyne	287⅝	278¾
Borden	47⅛	48	Inland Steel	22⅝	23	Tenneco	40⅝	40⅛
Borg Warner	22⅝	22¾	IBM	139⅝	140¼	Texaco	32⅝	31⅝
Bristol Myers	65¼	65⅞	Int Harvester	7½	7⅝	Texas East Corp	34⅝	34½
BP	34	34⅛	INCO	12⅛	11⅞	Texas Inst	102½	102⅝
Burlington Ind	30½	30⅝	Int Paper	47⅞	48¼	Texas Utilities	29¼	29
Burlington Nthn	69½	69½	Int Tel Tel	34⅝	34½	Textron	50⅝	50⅛
Burroughs	58⅛	58⅝	Irving Bank	39⅛	38¾	Travelers Corp	47⅝	47⅝
Campbell Soup	54	51½	Jim Walter	39⅝	38⅝	TRW Inc	78½	78⅝
Canadian Pacific	12⅝	12½	Johnson & John	49¾	49⅝	UAL Inc	48⅝	47¼
Caterpillar	39⅞	39⅞	Kaiser Alumin	16⅞	17	Unilever NV	138⅝	135
Celanese	135⅝	136⅝	Kerr McGee	35¼	35⅝	Union Carbide	63½	62⅛
Central SW	26⅛	26⅛	Kimberly Clark	68¼	67	Un Pacific Corp	51	50⅝
Champion	23¾	24⅛	K Mart	35	35	United Brands	23⅝	23⅝
Chase Manhat	64⅝	64	Kroger	47⅛	47¼	US Steel	26¾	28
Chem Bank NY	41½	41⅝	L.T.V. Corp	6⅝	6⅝	Utd Technol	41⅞	42½
Chevron	38⅛	36⅞	Litton	81½	81¼	Unocal	30	30¾
Chrysler	42½	42⅞	Lockheed	47⅞	48	Wachovia	36⅝	36½
Citicorp	46¾	48⅞	Lucky Stores	25⅝	25⅜	Warner Lambert	43¾	44
Clark Equip	25⅝	25¼	Manuf Hanover	40⅞	40⅝	Wells Fargo	63⅝	63¾
Coca Cola	83⅛	84⅛	Manville Cp	5⅝	5⅝	Westnghse Elec	45½	45¾
Colgate	29⅜	30½	Mapco	35⅞	36½	Weyerhauser	30⅞	31
CBS	112⅞	113¾	Marine Midland	38½	35⅞	Whirlpool	47¾	47¼
Columbia Gas	36¼	36½	Martin Marietta	34⅝	34⅝	Woolworth	58⅛	58½
Combustion Eng	28½	28⅞	Masco	37¼	37¼	Xerox Corp	60⅛	60
Comwlth Edison	28⅞	29	McDonnell	72¼	71¾	Zenith	18⅝	18⅝
Cons Edison	36⅝	36¼	Mead	40½	40½			
Cons Nat Gas	45½	45½	Merck	129⅞	130⅞	**CANADIAN PRICES**		
Cons Power	8⅛	8	Minnesota Mng	84⅝	84⅝			
Control Data	16⅝	18¼	Mobil Oil	31⅝	32	Abitibi	17¾	17¼
Corning Glass	61½	62⅞	Monsanto	46	46¼	Alcan Alumin	36½	36⅞
CPC Intl	51⅝	52	Morgan J. P.	56⅞	56⅝	Algoma Steel	20¼	20
Crane	38½	38	Motorola	35⅝	35⅞	Bell Telephone	43	43
Crown Zeller	39¼	39¼	NCR Corp	37¼	37½	Can Pacific	17⅛	17⅝
Dart & Kraft	39⅝	39⅝	NL Industries	12¾	12⅞	Cominco	11	10⅝
Deere	28¾	26¼	Nat Distillers	34⅛	34¼	Cons Bathurst	17¼	17
Delta Air	37¾	36⅝	Nat Med Ent	22⅛	21¾	Gulf Oil	20⅛	20⅛
Detroit Edison	15⅞	15⅝	Nat Semicndctr	12⅝	12¾	Hawker/Sid Can	21⅝	21⅝
Digital Equip	120⅞	122⅛	Norfolk South	74⅞	74⅞	Hudson Bay Min	5⅝	5⅞
Disney	93	98¼	NW Bancorp	27⅝	28	Imasco	25	25
Dow Chemical	38⅞	39	Occidental Pet	35⅞	36⅝	Imperial Oil	54¾	53⅞
Dresser Ind	19⅝	19⅝	Ogden	33¼	33⅞	Int Pipe	44¾	44⅞
Duke Power	33⅞	33⅞	Olin Corp	36⅝	36⅝	Mass.-Fergsn	3.20	3.10
Du Pont	63⅝	63⅞	Owens-Illinois	54⅛	54⅛	Royal Trustco	23⅛	23⅛
Eastern Air	6⅝	5⅞	Pacific Gas Elec	19⅝	19½	Seagram	62¾	62¼
Eastman Kodak	49½	49¾	Pan Am	7⅛	7⅞	Steel Co	23⅛	22⅞
Eaton Corp	61	61	Penney J. C.	53½	53⅝	Thomson N 'A'	23¼	23¼
Emerson Elect	76⅛	75⅞	Pennzoil	62½	63⅝	Walker Hiram	33¼	33¾
Emery Air Frgt	16	15⅞	Pepsico	68¼	69½	WCT	17½	17⅝

⊙ Ex div. a Asked. c Ex distribution. h Bid. k Market closed. n New issue. p Stock split. t Traded. y Unquoted.

Uncertain opening

New York (Agency) – Prices opened higher in moderate *trading* of New York Stock Exchange trading of issues yesterday.

The Dow Jones industrial average, which fell 3.56 to 1,472.13 on Friday, was up 0.46 to 1,472.58 shortly after the market opened, but prices soon went into reverse.

Advances led declines by 399 to 288 among the 1,139 issues

The stock market finished mixed on Friday in light trading after *Wednesday's record* advance.

Mr Hugh Johnson, head of the investment policy committee at First Albany, a regional brokerage, said money managers were beginning to feel that the market had come a long way very fast.

The market needs some economic or monetary event to move it further and so far such an event is noticeably absent", he said.

Present equity prices already *anticipated a discount* rate reduction, so the cut must *materialize or* "we may get a sharp correction,"

ATT was down ½ to 23⅜ Texaco, which showed signs of stabilizing late last week, was up ⅛ to 32⅝. The stock dropped from the $39 level after the company lost a $10.5 billion court case.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

Three Month Sterling	Open	High	Low	Close	Est Vol
Dec 85	88.58	88.65	88.57	88.57	551
Mar 86	89.18	89.26	89.18	89.19	1522
Jun 86	89.54	89.60	89.53	89.52	219
Sep 86	8.66	89.70	89.65	89.65	150
Previous day's total open interest 7831					
Three Month Eurodollar					
Dec 85	91.95	91.95	91.91	91.91	1221
Mar 86	92.01	92.01	91.92	91.92	3067
Jun 86	91.84	91.84	91.76	91.76	596
Sep 86	91.54	91.54	91.47	91.47	191
Previous day's total open interest 21578					
US Treasury Bond					
Dec 85	81-25	82-01	81-05	81-08	635
Mar 86	80-22	80-33	80-00	80-01	3183
Jun 86	NT			79-02	0
Previous day's total open interest 2908					
Short Gilt					
Dec 85	97-28	97-28	97-26	97-26	101
Mar 86	97-38	97-40	97-36	97-36	377
Jun 86	NT				0
Previous day's total open interest 1598					
Long Gilt					
Dec 85	112-28	112-30	112-18	112-18	268
Mar 86	113-05	113-08	112-29	112-29	2735
Jun 86	NT				0
Sep 86	NT			111-29	0
Previous day's total open interest 8887					
FT-SE 100					
Dec 85	144.15	144.15	141.50	141.60	674
Mar 86	143.75	143.75	142.80	142.90	124
Previous day's total open interest 2184					

COMMODITIES

Metal volumes were depressed yesterday as the tin crisis dragged on, but the weakness of the dollar gave some impetus to prices. Coffee was again the star among the softs, helped by the dollar, uncertainty about the Brazilian crop and the recent price surge in New York. Other contracts were less active, although sugar looks a bit firmer.

Gas oil continued to attract interest, but crude oil is in urgent need of resuscitation. Financials were busy.

LONDON COMMODITY EXCHANGE
Rubber in p per kilo; Soyabean meal, coffee and cocoa in £ per tonne; Gas-oil and sugar in US $ per tonne.
G W Joynson and Co report

RUBBER
All months unquoted.
Vol: Nil.

SUGAR (Raw) No.6 at 1840
Mar 167.20–67.00
May 171.00–70.40
Aug 176.60–76.00
Oct 182.00–81.00
Dec Unq
Mar Unq
Vol 2,254

SUGAR (White)
Mar Unq
May Unq
Aug Unq
Oct Unq
Dec Unq
Mar Unq
Vol 25

COCOA
Dec 1625–21
Mar 1668–57
May 692–91
July 1708–07
Sep 1724–22
Dec 1724–20
Mar 1739–35
Vol 1,661

COFFEE
Jan 1945–40
Mar 1956–95
May 2032–31
Jul 2068–60
Sep 2092–85
Nov 2105–00
Vol 9,189

SOYABEAN
Dec 124.5–22.0
Feb 126.8–25.8
Apr 126.5–26.0
Jne 122.0–21.4
Aug 121.5–20.9
Oct 122.8–22.0
Dec 124.5–22.5
Vol 81

GAS OIL
Dec 268.00–65.75
Jan 259.75–58.50
Feb 254.75–54.50
Mar 244.75–44.50
Apr 234.00–33.50
May 227.25–29.00
Jne 225.50–25.00
Jly 226.00–25.50
Aug 229.00–28.50
Vol 3,292

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE
Unofficial prices
Official turnover figures
Prices in £ per metric tonne
Silver in pence per troy ounce
Rudolf Wolff & Co. Ltd. report

COPPER HIGH GRADE
Cash 913.50-914.50
Three months 934.50-935.00
Vol 5,775
Tone Steady

STANDARD CATHODES
Cash 892.00-895.00
Three months 915.00-920.00
Vol Nil
Tone Idle

TIN
Suspended

LEAD
Cash 263.00-263.50
Three months 270.00-270.50
Vol 6,750
Tone Steady

ZINC STANDARD
Cash 413.00-416.00
Vol Nil
Tone Idle

ZINC HIGH GRADE
Cash 429.00-430.00
Three months 430.00-430.50
Vol 4,850
Tone Steadier

SILVER LARGE
Cash 404.5-405.0
Three months 416.5-417.0
Vol 58
Tone Steady

SILVER SMALL
Cash 404.5-405.0
Three months 416.5-417.0
Vol Nil
Tone Idle

ALUMINIUM
Cash 650.50-651.00
Three months 674.50-675.00
Vol 7,150
Tone Steady

NICKEL
Cash 2685-2695
Three months 2730-2735
Vol 312
Tone Steady

MEAT AND LIVESTOCK COMMISSION
Average fatstock prices at representative markets on December 2

GB: Cattle, 98.40p per kg lw (+0.67).
GB: Sheep, 148.32p per kg est d c w (+1.92).
GB: Pigs, 83.00p per kg lw (–0.48).

England and Wales:
Cattle nos. up 14.9 per cent, ave. price, 98.20p (+0.66).
Sheep nos. down 4.9 per cent, ave. price, 149.91p (+2.04).
Pig nos. up 0.5 per cent, ave. price, 83.00p (–0.48).

Scotland:
Cattle nos. up 34.3 per cent, ave. price, 98.06p (+0.51).
Sheep nos. down 7.5 per cent, ave. price, 141.69p (+1.29).
Pig nos. up 18.8 per cent, ave. price, 82.94p (–0.60).

LONDON GRAIN FUTURES
£ per tonne

Month	Wheat Close	Barley Close
Jan	£113.50	£109.15
Mar	£115.55	£112.30
May	£118.55	£114.90
Jly	£121.00	–
Sep	£98.65	£98.65
Nov	£101.40	£101.75

Volume:
Wheat 187
Barley 54

LONDON MEAT FUTURES EXCHANGE
Live Pig Contract
p. per kilo

Month	Open	Close
Jan	Uq.	Uq.
Feb	Uq.	94.0
Mar	Uq.	Uq.
Apr	Uq.	92.0
May	Uq.	98.0
Jun	Uq.	96.0
Jly	Uq.	90.0
Aug	Uq.	85.0
Sep	Uq.	90.0
Oct	Uq.	98.0
		Vol.0

Pig meat
p. per kilo

Month	Open	Close
Feb	102.4	102.5
Apr	103.5	103.4
Jun	100.5	100.5
Aug	99.5	99.1
Oct	103.5	104.1
Nov	105.2	105.3
		Vol.4

LONDON POTATO FUTURES
£ per tonne

Month	Open	Close
Feb	81.80	82.00
Apr	90.50	92.90
May	95.80	98.00
Nov	74.00	73.80
Feb	82.50	84.30
		Vol.863

BALTIC FREIGHT INDEX
G.N.I. Freight Futures Ltd report
$10 per index point

	High/Low	Close
Jan 86	909.0-904.0	904.0
Apr 86	---	947.5
Jul 86	---	835.0
Oct 86	920.0-920.0	921.0
Jan 87	---	943.5
Apr 87	995.0-995.0	995.0
Jul 87	---	875.0
Oct 87	---	975.0

Spot: 916.0
Vol: 46 lots.

FOREIGN EXCHANGES

The pound surged through the 1.50 level yesterday to its highest value against the dollar since October, 1983.

But, after reaching 1.5010 in mid-session, the profit-takers moved in and sterling fell back to 1.4855 – a net loss on the day of a quarter of a cent.

The mark suffered a similar fate. After breaking through the psychologically important 2.50 level against the dollar, briefly touching 2.4950, the mark slipped to 2.5205, compared with Friday's close of 2.5130.

Operators continued to switch out of the dollar early on because of the sluggish US economy and the chances of a cut in the 7½ per cent discount rate, turning instead to the mark and sterling in recognition of stronger economic pointers and high interest rates.

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

	Market rates day's range December 2	Market rates close December 2	1 month	3 months
New York	$1.4840-1.5010	$1.4850-1.4860	0.46-0.44c prem	1.20-1.17c prem
Montreal	$2.0619-2.0793	$2.0619-2.0645	0.48-0.38c prem	1.21-1.07c prem
Amsterdam	4.2108-4.2227fl	4.2108-4.2178fl	2⅛-2c prem	5⅞-5½c prem
Brussels	76.06-76.35f	76.06-76.21f	24-18c prem	59-50c prem
Copenhagen	13.5635-13.6102k	13.5635-13.5888k	3⅛-2⅛ore prem	7⅛-5⅞ore prem
Dublin	1.2080-1.2152p	1.2126-1.2136p	22-8p prem	43-13p prem
Frankfurt	3.7315-3.7532m	3.7444-3.7504m	2⅝-2⅛pf prem	6⅞-6pf prem
Lisbon	235.21-241.98e	235.21-239.99e	185-490e disc	625-1530e disc
Madrid	231.06-231.87p	231.06-231.52p	50-85p disc	215-335p disc
Milan	2544.43-2555.05lr	2544.43-2548.58lr	7-13lr disc	18-26lr disc
Oslo	11.2495-11.3089k	11.2485-11.2896k	par-⅛ore disc	2⅝-3ore disc
Paris	11.4195-11.4620f	11.4195-11.4459f	2⅛-1c prem	5⅛-3⅛c prem
Stockholm	11.3297-11.4246k	11.3297-11.3522k	1⅛-1⅞ore disc	3⅞-4⅞ore disc
Tokyo	302.14-304.37y	302.14-302.57y	1-¾y prem	2⅝-2⅛y prem
Vienna	26.29-26.38sch	26.29-26.32sch	12⅝-11gro prem	35-29⅝gro prem
Zurich	3.1098-3.1259f	3.1209-3.1259f	2⅛-2c prem	5⅞-5⅝c prem

Sterling index compared with 1975 was up 0.1 at 81.4 (day's range 81.2-81.7).

OTHER STERLING RATES

Argentina austral	1.1882–1.1906
Australia dollar	2.1964–2.2012
Bahrain dinar	0.5585–0.5625
Brazil cruzeiro	13894.90–13971.20
Cyprus pound	0.7950–0.8050
Finland marka	8.0710–8.1110
Greece Drachma	220.75–222.75
Hongkong dollar	11.5990–11.6110
India rupee	17.85–18.05
Iraq rial	n.a.
Kuwait dinar (KD)	0.4290–0.4330
Malaysia dollar	3.6015–3.6070
Mexico peso	670.0–720.0
New Zealand dollar	2.5843–2.5952
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.4085–5.4485
Singapore dollar	3.1673–3.1844
South Africa rand	4.1020–4.1384
United Arab Emirates dirham	5.4410–5.4810

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Ireland	1.2290-1.2310
Singapore	2.1300-2.1400
Malaysia	2.4220-2.4240
Australia	0.6760-0.6770
Canada	1.3890-1.3900
Sweden	7.6325-7.6375
Norway	7.5775-7.5825
Denmark	9.1300-9.1350
West Germany	2.5210-2.5230
Switzerland	2.1000-2.1030
Netherlands	2.8360-2.8370
France	7.6800-7.6850
Japan	203.70-203.85
Italy	1713.0-1718.0
Belgium(Comm)	51.05-51.10
Hong Kong	7.8005-7.8025
Portugal	158.70-160.80
Spain	155.40-155.70
Austria	17.69-17.72

Rates supplied by Barclays Bank HOFEX and Extel. *Lloyds Bank International.

MONEY MARKETS AND GOLD

Sterling's strength in the first half of yesterday induced a degree of bullishness. Period rates tended to ease a little as buyers nibbled once again at the *longer dated paper*.

But the dollar rebounded in *the afternoon and* the Bank of England demonstrated that the *markets should not be looking* for a cut in interest rates. So rates firmed more or less to Friday's close.

Base Rates %
Clearing Banks 11½
Finance House 12

Discount Market Loans%
Overnight: High 11¾ Low 4
Week fixed: 11⅝

Treasury Bills (Discount %)

Buying		Selling	
2 months	11³⁄₁₆	2 months	11⅛
3 months	11	3 months	10⅞

Prime Bank Bills (Discount %)
1 month 11¹¹⁄₃₂-11⁹⁄₃₂ 2 months 11³⁄₁₆-11⅛
3 months 11-10¹⁵⁄₁₆ 6 months 10²¹⁄₃₂-10⁹⁄₁₆

Trade Bills (Discount %)
1 month 11³¹⁄₃₂ 2 months 11¹³⁄₁₆
3 months 11⅝ 6 months 11⁹⁄₃₂

Interbank (%)
Overnight: open 12-11¾ close 6-4
1 week 12-11¾ 6 months 11⅝-11³⁄₁₆
1 month 11¹¹⁄₁₆-11⅝ 9 months 11⅝-11⅛
3 months 11⁹⁄₁₆-11⁷⁄₁₆ 12 months 11⁵⁄₁₆-11³⁄₁₆

Local Authority Deposits (%)
2 days 11½ 7 days 11⅝
1 month 11⁷⁄₁₆ 3 months 11⅝
6 months 11⅝ 12 months 11

Local Authority Bonds (%)
1 month 12⅛-11⅞ 2 months 12-11⅝
3 months 12-11¾ 6 months 12-11¾
9 months 11⅞-11⅝ 12 months 11½-11⅜

Sterling CDs (%)
1 month 11⅝-11⁹⁄₁₆ 3 months 11⅝-11½
6 months 11⁵⁄₁₆-11¼ 12 months 10²⁹⁄₃₂-10⅞

Dollar CDs (%)
1 month 8.00-7.90 3 months 8.00-7.90
6 months 8.00-7.90 12 months 8.15-8.05

EURO-CURRENCY DEPOSITS %

Dollar		call	8⅛-7⅞
7 days	8-8⅞	1 month	8⁵⁄₁₆-8³⁄₁₆
3 months	8⁵⁄₁₆-8³⁄₁₆	6 months	8⁵⁄₁₆-8³⁄₁₆
Deutschmark		call	5-4
7 days	4¹³⁄₁₆-4¹¹⁄₁₆	1 month	4¾-4⅝
3 months	4¾-4⅝	6 months	4¹³⁄₁₆-4¹¹⁄₁₆
French Franc		call	9-8
7 days	10-9½	1 month	9⅞-9⅝
3 months	10-9¾	6 months	10⅛-10⅝
Swiss Franc		call	
7 days	2¼-2	1 month	4⅛-4¼
3 months	4⅛-4	6 months	4⁵⁄₁₆-4³⁄₁₆
Yen		call	2¼-1¼
7 days	8½-8⅞	1 month	8⁵⁄₁₆-8³⁄₁₆
3 months	7¹³⁄₁₆-7¹¹⁄₁₆	6 months	7⁵⁄₁₆-7³⁄₁₆

GOLD

Krugerrand* (per coin):
$323.50-325.00 (£217.00-218.25)
Sovereigns* (new):
$78.50-79.50 (£52.75-53.50)
*Excludes VAT

ECGD

Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance Scheme IV
Average reference rate for interest period 2 October, 1985 to 5 November, 1985, inclusive: 11.508 per cent.

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

1985 High	1985 Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
101	87	Alfin	97	–1	2.6	2.6	..
698	580	Alliance	665	–3	26.1n	4.0	..
155	118	Amer Trust	132	–1	4.3	3.3	..
302	245	Ang Amer Sec	282	..	8.1	2.9	..
152	123	Ashdown	148	–1	4.2b	2.8	..
120	88	Atlantic Assets	111	–1	0.8	0.7	..
102	85	Bankers	98 ●	–1	3.5b	3.6	..
194	152	Berry	165 ●	–1	1.5	0.9	..
182	152	Border & Sthrn	180 ●	–1	5.1	2.9	..
221	180	Br Assets	216 ●	–2	10.9	5.0	..
33⅝	25	Br Empire Sec	33	..	0.7	2.2	..
574	312	British Inv	363 ●	–2	20.9b	5.7	..
83	64	Brunner	80	–1	3.1b	3.9	..
89	72	Charter Agency	83	..	3.2b	3.9	..
685	525	Continental	660	–3	30.0b	4.5	..
178	119	Crescent Japan	141	–4	1.1	0.8	..
115	97	Derby Inc	113	..	10.3	9.6	..
127	95	Do Cap	118	–4	..	..	..
330	264	Drayton Cons	325 ●	..	14.3	4.4	..
148	112	Drayton Far East	130	–2	1.6	1.2	..
427	348	Drayton Japan	408	–3	3.5e	0.9	..
522	383	Drayton Premier	518	..	20.7b	4.0	..
199	160	Dundee Lon	195	–2	7.4b	3.8	..
118	89	Edin Amer Asset	101	–2	0.8	0.8	..
120	103	Edinburgh	119 ●	..	4.6b	3.9	..
302	254	Electric Gen	298	..	5.1	1.7	..
140	114	English Int	136 ●	–4	5.0	3.7	..
79	65	English Scot	78	..	1.9	2.4	..
111	91	English NY	108	–1	3.6	3.3	..
97	78	F & C Alliance	90	–1	2.4	2.7	..
155	122	F&C Pacific	137	–8	1.8a	1.3	..
245	185	Family	240	..	11.3b	4.7	..
292	242	First Scot Amer	290	–1	12.9b	4.4	..
185	80	First Un Gen	80	..	8.7	10.9	..
590	415	Fleming American	480	..	7.5	1.6	..
300	235	Fleming Claver	288	..	12.8	4.3	..
295	239	Fleming Enterprise	294	–1	12.1	4.1	..
109	76	Fleming Far East	82 ●	–2	1.5	1.8	..
113	100	Fleming Fled	111	..	3.6	3.2	..
650	405	Fleming Japan	430 ●	–15	5.7	1.3	..
132	105	Fleming Merc	127	–1	4.3	3.4	..
134	100	Fleming Overseas	108	–2	3.9	3.6	..
163	120	Fleming Tech	138	–2	3.3	2.4	..
334	268	Fleming Universal	300	–6	7.1b	2.4	..
74	69	For Col	68½	–1	2.0b	2.9	..
121	92	GBC Capital	93 ●	..	..	..	..
185	115	GT Japan	119	–1	2.0	1.7	..
135	97	General Funds	134	+1	2.7	2.0	..
288	230	General Cons	285	–1	14.3b	5.0	..
125	103½	Glasgow Stock	119	–1	2.9b	2.5	..
308	251	Globe	300 ●	–4	14.5	4.8	..

1985 High	1985 Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
270	202	Greenfriar	284	..	2.8	0.9	..
275	220	Gresham House	255 ●	..	6.5	2.5	..
171	138	Hambros	168 ●	–1	6.1	3.7	..
272	228	Hill (P)	259 ●	..	13.8	5.1	..
540	448	Invest-in Success	535	–5	7.8	1.5	..
294	208	Inv Cap	236	+2	5.2b	2.2	..
62	41½	Japan Assets	41½ ●	–2	0.1	0.2	..
161½	127	Lake View	144 ●	–5	3.3b	2.3	..
192	162	Law Debenture	192	+1	8.6b	4.5	..
86	66	Lon Merchant Sec	80	..	3.1	3.9	..
69	66	Lon Trust	66	–1	6.1e	8.9	..
107	86	Merchants	104	–1	5.4b	5.2	..
174	133	Monks	154	–3	3.4b	2.2	..
138	106	Murray Income	135	–1	7.7	5.7	..
117	85	Murray Growth	113	–1	2.0	1.8	..
149	112	Murray Intl	138	–2	6.4a	4.7	..
216	159	Murray Small	208 ●	–6	3.7b	1.8	..
333	265	Murray Venture	333	+3	7.9	2.4	..
408	354	New Court	400 ●	+2	20.4	5.1	..
77	61	New Darien Oil	67	..	0.5	0.7	..
178	153	1928	168	..	6.7	4.8	..
54	37	Nthrng Inc 83	53½ ●	..	4.2b	7.9	..
243	157	New Tokyo	175	–3	1.4e	0.8	..
294	248	Nth Atlantic Sec	272 ●	–1	4.9	1.8	..
123	74½	Nth Sea Assets	79 ●	–1	0.7	0.9	..
293	227	Nthn Amer	284 ●	–5	7.7	2.9	..
148	126	Outwich	147 ●	–1	4.4	3.0	..
101	67	Pacific Assets	67	–5	..	..	..
45	31	Do Wrnts	31	–3	..	..	..
46	32	Personal Assets	40	+½	0.8	0.7	..
367	282	Raeburn	357	–7	14.1b	3.9	..
147	125	River & Merc	146	–1	7.9b	5.4	..
244	198	River Plate	225	–6	10.7	4.8	..
192	168	Robeco	187	–2	..	..	..
173	150	Rolinco	168 ●	–5	..	..	..
290	228	Romney	277	–6	6.8h	2.5	..
11⅞	10	Rorento	£11½	–⅛	..	..	..
118	95	St Andrews	115	..	4.0b	3.4	..
318	225	Scottish	307	..	8.5	2.8	..
278	211	Scot American	278	..	8.4	3.0	..
92½	73	Scot Eastern	90½	–½	2.6h	3.2	..
408	345	Scot Mtgs	336 ●	–2	10.7h	2.7	..
263	204	Scot Nat	245 ●	–3	6.9	2.8	..
401	354½	Scot Mtge 'A'	398	–3	20.0	5.0	..
595	500	Second Alliance	589 ●	–3	23.2	4.1	..
143	108	Sec Of Scotland	137 ●	–2	6.9b	5.0	..
78	61	Smaller Cos	67 ●	–2	1.7b	2.5	..
38½	32	Stewart Enterp	38	..	0.8	1.5	..
146	110	Stockholders	135 ●	–1	4.0	3.2	..
100	78	Tr Australia	85 ●	–2	3.1	3.6	..
103	76	Tr City Of Lon Dfd	101 ●	–2	5.5b	5.5	..

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181	137	Tr Ind & Gen	162 ●	–2½	6.4b	3.6	..
255	203	Tr Natural Res	203	–2	10.7	5.3	..
111	79	Tr North America	83	–2	2.6	3.1	..
146½	111	Tr Pacific Basin	115	–4	1.4b	1.2	..
152	138	Tr Property	148	–2	5.3	3.6	..
101	78	Tr Tech	91	–1	2.5	2.7	..
181	134	Tr Trustees	148	..	5.4b	3.7	..
145	111	Temple Bar	136	–1	7.1b	5.2	..
384	211	Throgmorton	249	–2	18.7b	4.3	..
333	246	Throg Secured Cap	330	–3	..	..	..
187	137	Trans Oceanic	162	+1	4.5b	3.0	..
120	108	Tribune	114	..	3.3	2.9	..
82½	72½	Triplevest Inc	78	..	14.7	18.8	..
224	166	US Debenture	219	–2	9.3b	4.3	..
82	61	Viking Resource	61 ●	–1	1.7	2.8	..
86	61	Westpool	80	..	2.2	2.7	..
110	84	Winterbottom Energy	87	–1	1.0b	1.1	..
167½	139	Witan	168	–2	4.2	2.5	..
290	259	Yeoman	290	+1	13.6b	4.7	..

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

1985 High	1985 Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
575	360	Akroyd & Smithers	505 ●	..	23.6	4.7	18.5
57½	29⅝	American Express	£32¹¹⁄₁₆	–⅜	..	..	17.4
43	19	Argyle	34	–½	..	..	..
95	52	Boustead	53	–6	..	..	..
155	88	Britannia Arrow	144	–5	6.0b	4.2	28.3
15⅛	8⁹⁄₁₆	Daily Mail	£14½	..	60.0	4.1	15.5
14⅞	8⅝	Do 'A'	£14⅛	..	60.0	4.2	15.3
142	113	Electra	138	–1½	5.4	3.9	35.1
101	73	Eng Trust	95	..	..	..	..
249	178	Exco	219	+2	4.6	2.1	17.5
85	60	Exploration	70	..	3.0	4.3	12.4
420½	350	Framlington	390	..	7.1	1.8	18.1
95	58	Frost Gp	84 ●	..	3.7	8.9	11.8
105	44	Goode (D & M)	91	–1	1.8	2.0	15.9
£10½	578	Henderson Admin	970 ●	..	25.7b	2.7	14.9
185	175	ICH	175	–3	..	..	..
405	300	MAI	380 ●	..	22.9	6.0	10.8
875	368	M & G	785	–30	19.3	2.5	38.4
360	217	Mercantile House	272	–2	18.8	6.8	7.9
405	300	Mills & Allen	380 ●	..	22.9	6.0	10.8
113	75	Pacific Inv Tst	77	–5	0.5	0.6	70.8
41	19	Do Warrants	19	–2½	..	..	..
211	93	Smith Brothers	192	–1	8.3	4.3	22.3

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Polly Peck falls short of downgraded forecast

Polly Peck will only have itself to blame for crossed lines with the City in future. Yesterday it said that it would no longer comment on analysts' forecasts. They will have to draw their own conclusions.

That might sound right and proper, but even companies with steady records tend to give analysis some help. In Polly Peck's case a nod and a wink are particularly welcome because the company is growing fast and organically.

With most of the operations based in Turkey and Cyprus and new activities starting it is not easy to estimate profits.

This was clearly demonstrated yesterday when the company announced profits of only £61.1 million.

Mr Peter Jones of the company's own broker, L. Messel, was originally expecting £82 million, but three weeks ago, after a meeting with the company, he downgraded his estimate to between £68 million and £75 million. Even that proved over optimistic.

While declining to put a figure on the effect, the company implies that movements in exchange rates explain the shortfall on the forecast. Apparently profits rose by 80 per cent in Turkish lira. Analysts had clearly not fully understood the importance of the currency's sharp appreciation.

Instead of looking to the future, analysts are asked to consider what has been achieved. Polly Peck has come from nowhere to profits of £61 million in just five years. Last year profits rose by 21 per cent but that compares with a turnover increase of 50 per cent. Earnings hardly moved.

The company offers some consolation in a 50 per cent increase in the dividend, making the yield 4.3 per cent, which is roughly in line with the market average.

Investors are still ambivalent about Polly Peck. Yesterday's events will make them more, rather than less, nervous.

Some analysts were asking whether the disappointment reflected a disagreement with the auditors over the level of expenses that could be charged below the line. Had Polly Peck lost out here? Questions such as these will continue to be raised.

Meanwhile the company can point to its still growing fruit packing and carton-making operations. But margins are falling as new markets are penetrated and other businesses such as electronics begin operating.

Together with the risks made all the more explicit by yesterday's disappointment, this leaves the shares floored where they are at 175p, down 8p. Even though they are trading on only four times earnings they are unlikely to catch the market's imagination.

Weir/Yarrow

The timing of Weir's hostile £18 million bid for Yarrow is either a stroke of genius or a tremendous blunder. Just over a year ago it picked up a 28 per cent stake at 300p a share and now it is bidding 443p, which is potched well below yesterday's closing price of 498p, up 15p on the day.

Hardly an agressive and decisive blow, but one which is complicated by Yarrow's claim for compensation from the Government over the nationalization of its ship yard. There is no doubt that the Yarrow share price has benefitted from some speculative interest on the outcome of the case which is still with the European Court of Human Rights. The question is, how much?

It will doubtless provide the source of muc debate during the course of this all-Scottish bid.

Unlike some of the Yarrow speculators, Weir is not interested in the potential compensation payments, which makes the decision to offer to repatriate just 70 per cent of any cash received rather bizarre.

Rather, Weir has its eyes on Yarrow's prospering YARD engineering consultancy business which would allow it to move out of heavy engineering and into high technology.

This will be a move appropriate basis on which Yarrow should build its defence. The business is doing well and may suffer if it is linked more closely with Weir.

For the time being shareholders in Yarrow should do no more than sit tight.

United Biscuits

United Biscuits and Imperial Group yesterday duly played out the second act in their own version of Romeo and Juliet; the doubt is over which company is cast in which role. On yesterday's performance it is Sir Hector Laing who is destined to utter the immortal phrase: "A takeover by any other name would smell as sweet."

Despite the protestations that this is a genuine merger, such things exist only in the accountancy profession's imagination. This is a takeover. Superficially it appears that Imperial is making the running since Imperial shares are being offered in place of the UB stock. Closer analysis reveals that the deal is closer to a UB reverse takeover.

Geoffrey Kent will step down as chairman of Imperial within two years, leaving the way clear for Sir Hector to stamp his authority with both feet on the enlarged business. The new group will seek a Stock Exchange listing as a food manufacturer rather than as a tobacco company.

It has been widely argued that the "merger" is defensive in order to protect both companies from unwanted predators. In attempting to rebut the mutial protection allegation, the arguments centre very much on the food side of the businesses, which is UB's forte.

Food manufacturing would be the biggest contributor to the enlarged group's sales, accounting for about 41 per cent of the business. tobacco would be a shrinking 33 per cent, with brewing and leisure bringing up the rear at 21 per cent.

More important, a bigger group would bring the financial size and muscle which UB needs to assist it in the American cookie war. The link-up may still prove to be UB's equivalent of a nuclear deterrent. With access to Imperial's cash resources, recently extricated from the United States after the Howard Johnson debacle, UB will be able to face the might of Procter & Gamble with less of an inferiority complex.

The only blot on this landscape is the prospect of a Monopolies Commission reference, which will be difficult to avoid without the disposal of some of the food interests.

It may not be an appealing prospect but this deal has been too long in the making to allow a Monopolies Commission reference to stand in its way. It is good for UB shareholders but good for Imperial's shareholders only in that the bulk of its business will remain intact.

Dominion profit up 38%

Dominion International Group, the financial services, property and natural resources group, yesterday reported pretax profits up 38 per cent to £5.04 million for the half-year to Sept 30. Turnover, from £17.4 million in the corresponding period last year to £47 million.

However, some £20 million of the increase resulted from a Bermuda-based futures trading operation which, the Dominion chairman, Mr Max Lewinsohn, said made only a minimal contribution towards profits. An interim dividend of 2.5p is being paid on Jan 31 – an increase of 14 per cent on the previous year.

In brief

- **DOMINO PRINTING:** Domino Amjet, a wholly owned subsidiary, has purchased the business and some assets of Chemelectron for £596,000 cash. This follows the formation of an inks division within Domino Amjet, operating from Domino Amjet's Liverpool offices.
- **WHITBREAD INVESTMENT:** The company is issuing by way of a placing, £15 million nominal of 7 to 12 per cent, stepped interest, second debenture stock, 2010. It is being issued on terms whereby its gross redemption yield will be at a margin of 0.80 per cent above the verage gross redemption yield of the 13.5 per cent stock, 2004/08.
- **NORSAT INTERNATIONAL:** This Canadian satellite communications company is making an offer of Can$7.5 million (£3.7 million) of 4 per cent subordinated-convertible debentures and warrants to purchase common shares. The issue will be offered only to the registered owners of the existing 7.5 per cent debentures, who are primarily European institutional investors.
- **MORAN TEA HOLDINGS:** In his annual statement the chairman, Mr C. G. Gordon-Smith, says that the current season has produced a crop slightly higher than the previous period, but, with a world excess of supply, current prices in London and India reflect the increase in the North Indian crop and the present surplus of supply over demand.
- **THAMES MINING:** This Western Australian gold and mineral explorer is to buy the Mt Seabrook Mine, Western Australia, formerly a big supplier of cosmetic talc to Britain. A feasibility study is to be conducted to look into reopening the mine.
- **C. H. BAILEY:** In his annual statement Mr C. H. Bailey, the chairman, says the company is in a strong liquid position and its investments continue to grow. Shiprepairing facilities will be kept operating in a low key, to be able to take advantage of the increase in work when the slump eases. The company plans to develop leisure activities and maintain investments to finance opportunities.
- **GRAMPIAN HOLDINGS:** The company has acquired Penfold Golf, a Birmingham-based golf ball manufacturer, for £855,000.
- **EVANS OF LEEDS:** For the half-year to Sept 30, with figures in £000, total revenue was 3,863 (3,289), while pretax revenue was 2,264 (2,010). Earnings per share were 4.14p (3.37p). An interim dividend of 1.5p (1.37p) is being paid on Jan 10.
- **TRANSCONTINENTAL SERVICES:** For the half-year to Sept 30, with figures in £000, the pretax profit was 2,184 (2,123). Earnings per share were 6.9p (7.6p). An interim dividend of 3.57p (3.57p) is being paid on April 7.
- **FKI ELECTRICALS:** For the 27 weeks to Oct 5, with figures in £000, turnover was 12,051 (8,320) while the pretax profit was 2,564 (1,509). Earnings per share were 1.75p (1.54p). An interim dividend of 0.27p (0.22p) is being paid on Jan 20.
- **LEWMAR:** For the half-year to Aug 31, with figures in £000, turnover was 7,916 (7,822), while the pretax profit was 1,816 (1,590). Earnings per share were 5.1p (4.5p).
- **TELECOMPUTING:** For the year to Sept 30, with figures in £000, turnover was 2,750 (2,435), while the pretax profit was 811 (420). Earnings per share were 21.01p (10.87p). A final dividend of 0.85p (0.65p) is being paid on Feb 14; making a total of 1.5p (1p). The company is making a one-for-one scrip issue.
- **LYNTON HOLDINGS:** For the half-year to Sept 30, with figures in £000, the pretax profit was 929 (702). Earnings per share were 4.94p (4.77p). An interim dividend of 3p (2.42p) is being paid to reduce the disparity between payments. The board expects to at least maintain the year's total.
- **FKB GROUP:** For the half-year to Sept 30, with figures in £000, turnover was 4,213 (3,528) while the pretax profit was 603 (391). Earnings per share were 3.6p (2.4p).
- **CONNELLS ESTATE AGENTS:** The company has acquired Brian Dodd and Co, an estate agent, valuer and surveyor in the Brighton and Worthing areas of East and West Sussex, for £533,000. Talks are in hand for the purchase of another firm providing commercial and residential services, which will constitute an important acquisition, calling for the approval of shareholders.
- **WISTECH:** For the year to Sept 30, with figures in £000, turnover was 5,207 (3,903) while the pretax profit was 309 (261).
- **BENJAMIN PRIEST GROUP:** For the half-year to Sept 27, with figures in £000, turnover was 16,651 (14,924), while the pretax profit was 429 (4??). Earnings per share were 0.48p (nil).
- **ABBEYCREST:** For the year to August 31 with figures in £000, turnover was 7,598 (5,998), while the pretax profit was 760 (584). Earnings per share were 7.2p (6.2p). No dividend is being paid.

RECENT ISSUES

	Closing Price
A M S Industries 5p Ord (95)	102-1
Cheshire Wholefoods 5p Ord	126-1
China & Eastn Inv $0.05 (71p)	66-2
Cont Assets Tst 75p Ord Fly Pd	54½+½
Davidson Pearce 10p Ord (160)	170
Fairbriar 10p Ord (120)	114
German Sec Inv £1 Ord (100) 50p Pd	49½-½
Hampden Homecare 10p Ord (57a)	62-1
Inoco 10p Ord (55)	51-3
Magnetic Materials 10p Ord (144a)	103
Martin (Ronald) 10p Ord (90a)	96+1
Millward Brown 10p Ord (160a)	168
SPP 10p Ord (125)	143
St Ives Group 10p Ord (330*)	488-3
Snowden & Bridge 10p Ord (97a)	104
Sterling Publishing 5p Ord (57a)	70
Strata Inv (100)	98+1
T M D Advertising 5p Ord (118a)	125
Underwoods 10p Ord (180*)	194-2
W Yorks Ind Hosp 50 Ord (90a)	93
World of Leather 10p Ord (128a)	158-2
Rights issues	
Cont Bank Wales (25) Fully Pd	54
Countryside Prop (270) Nil Pd	46 prem-2
Samuelson Grp (240) Nil Pd	38 prem
Wedgwood (187) Nil Pd	25 prem

Issue price in parentheses, a Unlisted Securities, *by tender.

APPOINTMENTS

BP Oil: Mr David Simon has become non-executive chairman. When Mr Simon joins the BP Group main board on January 1 Mr James Ross will succeed him as chairman.

BBC Wales: Mr Gareth Price will become controller on January 1.

National Westminster Bank: Mr David Noble is now general manager of NatWest Australia Bank.

Brixton Estate: Mr Robin Wilson has been made financial director.

Mr George Cochrane, while retaining his Halfords directorship in finance, systems and distribution, has taken over responsibility for systems and distribution throughout Ward White UK Retail. Mr Lynn Richards and Mr John Hambleton have joined the board of the Retail Operating Group.

Dominion International Group: Mr John Bishop is now a director responsible for strategic planning and investor relations.

Ebury Press: Mr Maxim Jakubowski has been made an editorial director, with effect from January 6.

Civil Aviation Authority: Mr Thomas McMillan has been reappointed as a member on a part-time basis for 12 months.

Londis (Holdings): Mr Peter Mitchell has been made finance director.

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Nat Westminster	11½%
Royal Bank Scotland	11½%
TSB	11½%
Citibank NA	11½%

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STOCK MARKET REPORT

Underwriting sends shares sliding

By Derek Pain and Pam Spooner

Share prices were on the slide yesterday as institutional investors mustered their cash resources for close on £2,000 million of underwriting. A tendency to take profits and a few items of unpleasant news also helped to push stock markets indices lower.

There were two big calls on City support – the Argyll Group for the Distillers Company, where the institutions provided £1,000 million of backing for the takeover offer, and the imminent Cable and Wireless share sale.

The Argyll underwriting went through smoothly enough, while the £1,000 million of underpinning for Cable and Wireless is expected to be done today alongside announcement of a price for the stock.

By the end of the day the FT-30 share index showed an 18.5 point fall to 1124, while the FT-SE 100 share index was 20.6 points down at 1418. Government stocks moved in the opposite direction, making gains of about £¼ as sterling strengthened against the dollar.

USM dealings are expected to start on Monday in Monks & Crane, which distributes engineering tools and protective clothing from 31 outlets. The shares have been placed by Albert E. Sharp & Co, the broker, at 77p, valuing the company at £10 million. Its profits are forecast at £1.4 million, which puts the shares on 10.6 times prospective earnings.

Events on the foreign exchanges accounted for slippage in certain share prices – for example, Glaxo Holdings, Imperial Chamical Industries and Jaguar, companies, which receive a high proportion of earnings in dollars.

Another dampening factor for equities was the bad news from Singapore, where the stock market is in trouble.

According to calculations by Datastream, the share price falls knocked more than £2,800 million from stock market values.

The Distillers share price traded at 506p at the close of business, several pence below the value of the Argyll bid. Meanwhile, the Argyll price kept an exceptionally firm front, up 3p at 338p, though market men reckon the foods group will have to pay more for our biggest spirits producer.

Elsewhere among the bid candidates, Allied-Lyons saw its share price fall 13p to 288p as it issued the defence document in response to last month's takeover offer from Elders IXL, the Australiam brewing and financial group. Imperial Group, which has announced merger terms with United Biscuits, slipped just 4p to 241p. United Biscuits also dropped 4p to 274p, leaving its share price well below the roughly £3 a share value of the Imperial offer.

Market pundits believe the lag in the UB price reflects expectations that the merger will not go through. After the recent revelation of stake-building in Imperial shares, and the known vulnerability of the foods and tobacco group to predators, the City still looks for a takeover attack on Imperial itself.

Overseas traders, banks and rubber companies were hurt by the news from Singapore. The stock exchange there has been closed following e collapse of Pan-Electric Industries. The demise of the company threatens Singapore's financial health because of local share dealing practices, involving heavy use of forward share contracts.

There are hopes that the Singaporean government will step in and impose tighter market regulations, but in the meantime companies associated with the Republic saw their share prices suffer. Boustead dropped 9p to 53p, Harrisons & Crosfield fell 15p to 336p, Inchcape slipped 13p to 300p, Standard Chartered Bank fell 8p to 444p Hong Kong & Shanghai Bank lost 4p to 63½p and M and G Group lost 30p to 765p.

Whitbread Investment Co, nearly half-owned by the Whitbread brewery, has more than doubled its shareholding in Davenports Brewery (Holding) to 17.7 per cent. It recently increased its stake in Boddingtons' Breweries of Manchester, but has, as yet, made no move to lift its shareholding in Matthew Brown, correntiy fighting a £125 million offer from Scottish & Newcastle Breweries. Many observers expect WIC, now placing £15 million of debentures, to display its Matthew Brown hand shortly.

Beer shares – at least those away from the takeover action – were unimpressed by a surprisingly high 3.8 per cent output increase in October, the first month of the financial year for many brewing groups.

Bass, the biggest brewer of them all, eased 10p to 659p. Its figures are expected on Thursday. Forecasts, including property profits, are about the £260 million mark.

English China Clays, another recent takeover favourite, fell back but Marley, on the growing conviction that Norcros has built up a share stake and reports that Home Charm Group wants to buy its Payless *chain, edged forward* 2p to 120p.

CPS Computers sparked into life, gaining 5p to 40p, as the company disclosed its largest ever processor order – worth £4.7 million. The deal is with B & Q, the do-it-yourself arm of Woolworth.

Wire & Plastic Products surged 68p to 288p as Saatchi & Saatchi, the advertising group, became the owner of 10 per cent of the company.

Mr Martin Sorrell, finance director of Saatchi, and Mr Preston Rabl, a partner in Henderson Crosthwaite, the broker, subscribed for 27 per cent of W&P in May. They paid 38p a share for their shareholding. At the time of the deal W&P shares were around 45p.

The array of losses as profit-takers took their toll and extracted some rich pickings from the market hit stores shares, among the recent takeover high-flyers, particularly severely.

British Home Stores, which had raced ahead on dreams that an outsider planned to barge into the cosy merger arranged with Habitat Mothercare, fell 20p to 412p. Its intended partner, HM, lost 8p to 530p.

Burton Group, Combined English Stores, J. Hepworth (soon to be called Next) and *Woolworth Holdings also retreated.* Sears, the favoured bidder for BHS, eased 2p to 114½p.

Although expected, the final retail sales figures for October, showing a 1.6 per cent fall, added to the demoralization of the stores market. In the previous month there was a 1.4 per cent decline.

British Aerospace fell 10p to 471. A group of City analysts are visiting the group's Airbus *associate. There are hopes of* BAe obtaining a £2,000 million order for Rapiers from the United States and the Japanese emerging as buyers for up to 100 Tornados. Expectations are also growing that foreign shareholdings in the group will be allowed to go up from the present 15 per cent ceiling to 25 per cent.

Polly Peck, on the disappointment profits out-turn, fell 8p to 175p. The company expects to have an ADR facility by the end of this month.

British Telecom, on the Oftel price review decision, slipped 4p to 202p. Cable & Wireless eased 22p to 613p.

Bid hopes continued to spur Riley Leisure, up 3p to 54p, and *British Benzol gained 4p to 42p.*

The Italian rescue consortium lifted Westland 3p to 71p. Yarrow improved 15p to 498p on the bid from Weir Group, down 3p at 81p.

G. W. Sparrow, the crane group, held at 74p, roughly in line with the bid from British Electric Traction.

Oils were flat ahead of Saturday's OPEC meeting and banks remained worried by overseas debt problems.

Fielding, Newson-Smith & Co., the broker, is keen on the shares of Spring Ram Corporation, the bathroom group. Mr Andrew Holland, an analyst at Fielding Newson-Smith, suggests that profits this year could reach £4 million (against £3 million) and climb to £5.5 million next year. Mr Holland says he is more confident "than at any time" that Spring Ram will continue to make strong progress.

On the company news front Dominion International added 7pp to 109p on its 38 per cent profits advance. Telecomputing improved 10p to 373p on doubled profits and its 100 per cent share bonus. Lynton Group improved 5p to 313p following a 32 per cent profits increase.

Regalian, the property group, responded well to comment on its rights issue, the effective ex-rights price up by well over 20p. The old shares traded at 425p, while the nil paid touched 185p before settling at 165p.

Traded option highlights

Traded options business continued at a high level yesterday, the total number of contracts traded numbering 15,857. Of those, Beecham and Distillers options accounted for close on one third, with volumes of 2,773 and 2,637 contracts respectively.

Nearly 2,000 of the Distillers contracts traded were puts. Imperial registered 1,860 contracts and BAT Industries was another popular series, with 1,174 contracts traded. There were few significant price changes on options.

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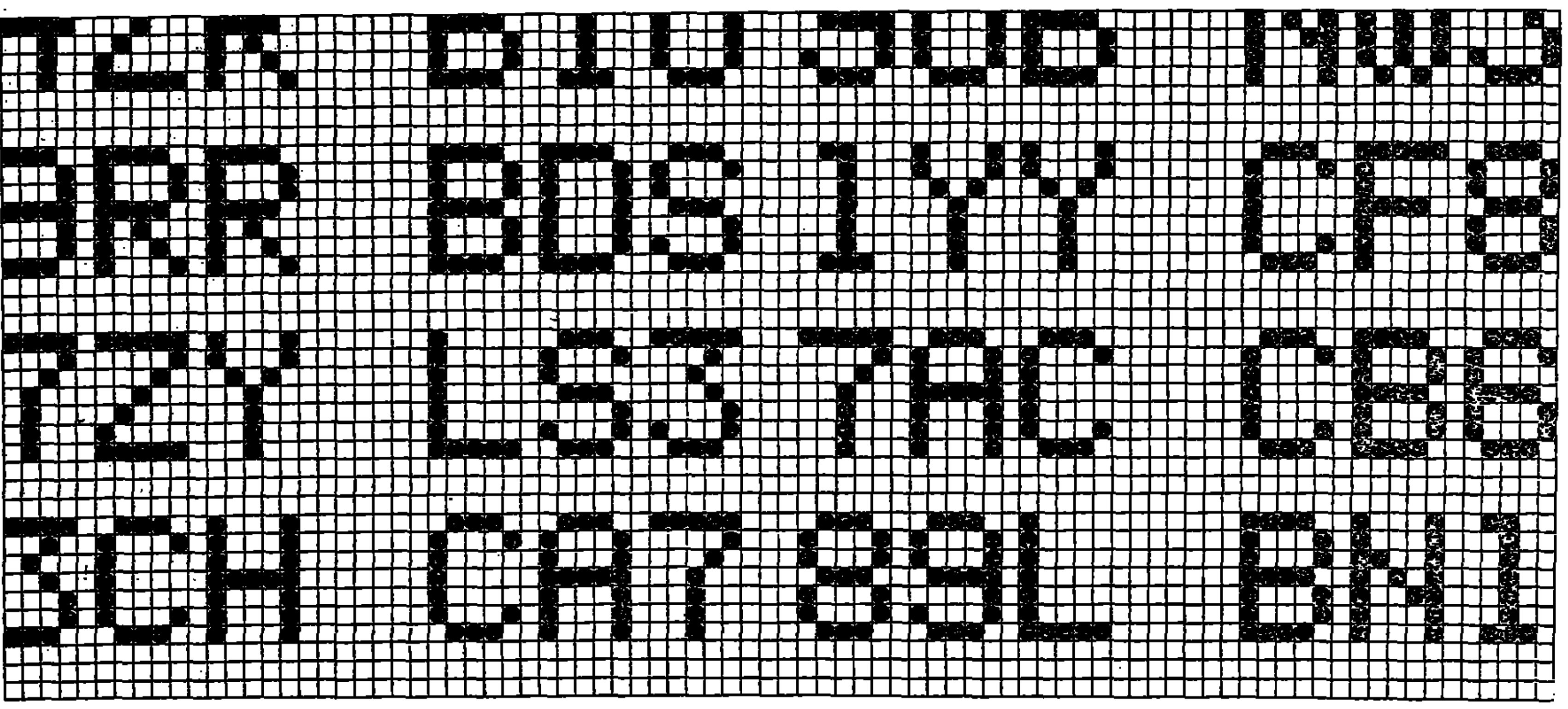

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1985 High	Low	Stock			Price	Ch'ge	Int. only yld %	Gross Red. yld %
SHORTS (Under Five Years)								
101.34	96.38	Exch	11¾%	1986	98.98	..	11.755	11.353
99¼	96¼	Treas C	10%	1986	99	..	10.047	11.264
96½	91¾	Treas	3%	1986	96½	+⅛	3.105	10.754
100	97¼	Exch C	10½%	1986	97		10.531	11.231
101⅛	98½	Treas	12%	1986	100	●-⅛	11.850	11.211
96½	94½	Treas	8¼%	1984-86	98¼	+⅛	8.695	11.229
105¾	102	Exch	14%	1986	102		13.669	11.078
94	87½	Exch	2½%	1986	94¾	-⅛	2.642	8.401
104	101¼	Exch	13¼%	1987	102¼	..	12.982	11.181
99	95½	Treas C	10½%	1987	99¼	..	10.345	11.030
93	84½	Exch	2½%	1987	92	..	2.859	8.946
100¼	96½	Exch	10½%	1987	99	..	10.581	10.963
97	88¼	Fund	6½%	1985-87	94¼	+⅛	8.851	10.522
99¼	94¼	Treas	10%	1987	98	● ..	10.136	10.935
91	83½	Treas	3%	1987	91	..	3.230	8.791
102	99¼	Treas	12%	1987	101	..	11.785	10.961
95	89¼	Treas	7¾%	1985-88	94¾	..	8.212	10.723
100½	94½	Exch	10½%	1988	99	-⅛	10.574	10.859
98¼	92½	Treas C	9¾%	1988	97	● ..	10.006	10.929
87	79½	Trans	3%	1978-88	87	● ..	3.427	8.484
97	90½	Treas	9½%	1988	96½	..	9.843	10.920
102	95¼	Treas	11½%	1989	101		11.307	10.820
97¼	89½	Treas C	9½%	1989	96¼	-⅛	9.833	10.892
87¼	78	Treas	3%	1989	84½	+⅛	3.557	8.409
99¼	93¼	Treas	10½%	1989	99	● .	10.598	10.817
98	90½	Exch	10%	1989	97¼	..	10.258	10.866
101½	94¾	Exch	11%	1989	100	..	10.949	10.631
86	78	Treas	5%	1986-89	85	..	5.818	9.409
131	39	Exch C	10¼%	1989	40		10.378	10.629
108	101¼	Treas	13%	1990	107¼	-⅛	12.105	10.702
101¼	98	Exch	11%	1990	100¼	+⅛	10.932	10.781
109	100¾	Exch	12½%	1990	106		11.791	10.715
81	75	Treas	3%	1990	81½	+⅛	3.690	8.173
93¼	86¼	Treas	8¼%	1987-90	92	●+⅛	8.981	10.496
101⅛	91	Treas C	10%	1990	97¼	+⅛	10.236	10.761
FIVE TO FIFTEEN YEARS								
108½	96½	Treas	11¾%	1991	106		11.375	10.871
87¼	79	Fund	5¾%	1987-91	87½	+⅛	6.642	8.970
105¼	95¼	Exch	11%	1991	102		10.916	10.802
113½	100¼	Treas	12¾%	1992	113½	+⅛	11.730	10.759
103¾	87¼	Treas	10%	1992	99¼	+⅛	10.307	10.650
104¼	93¼	Treas C	10½%	1992	99¼	+⅛	10.592	10.697
111¼	98½	Exch	12¼%	1992	110	+⅛	11.487	10.825
117¼	104¼	Exch	13½%	1992	116¼	+⅛	11.991	10.829
114	90½	Treas	12½%	1993	113¼	+⅛	11.480	10.734
83¼	74½	Fund	6%	1993	83½	+⅛	7.229	8.266
121½	108¼	Treas	13¾%	1993	115¾	+⅛	11.918	10.832
128¼	109¼	Treas	14½%	1994	123¾	+⅛	12.078	10.770
119½	107¼	Exch	13½%	1994	115½	+⅛	11.828	10.889
113½	93½	Exch	12½%	1994	112¼	+⅛	11.458	10.852
95¼	85½	Treas	9%	1994	91½	+⅛	9.865	10.535

Prospective real redemption yield on projected inflation rate (RPI) of (a) 5% and (b) 10%

BREWERIES

1985 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
304	153	Allied-Lyons	288	-13	11.8	4.0	18.9
542	471	Bass	659	-10	19.0	2.9	16.5
61	36	Belhaven	42	-1	1.1	2.5	23.2
109	69	Boddingtons	95	..	4.2	4.4	13.9
573	258	Brown (Matthew)	543	-8	16.4	2.9	28.2
179	119	Bulmer (H P)	159	-3	7.0	4.4	12.9
530	407½	Burtonwood Brew	445	● -10	14.3	3.2	10.4
460	225	Clark (Matthew)	400	+5	10.0	2.5	19.2
745	417	Devenish (J A)	720	.	17.1	2.4	20.9
518	270	Distillers	506	● -4	27.9	4.5	14.0
179	153	Greenall Whitley	179	-3	6.6	3.7	12.5
254	146	Greene King	218	-2	7.0	3.2	13.5
320	275	Guinness	298	-5	10.3	3.5	12.8
414	274	Hardys & Hansons	414	.	22.0	5.3	13.9
85	53	Highland Dist	77	● ..	2.8	3.7	15.8
177	124	Invergordon Dist	176	..	6.1	3.4	12.8
198	140	Irish Dist	158	..	6.0a	3.8	..
53	47	Marston Thompson	68	..	2.8	3.2	15.2
240	175	Morland	294	..	8.1	3.9	12.9
239	176	SA Breweries	158	● -8	..	..	..
174	123	Scot & New	190	-3	10.0b	6.3	12.9
47¼	27½	Seagram	£32¾	+½	41.1	1.4	..
410	263	Vaux	385	-3	14.9	3.9	16.5
233	164	Whitbread 'A'	273	● -4	10.2	3.9	13.4
278	135	Do 'B'	265	● -2	10.2	3.9	13.5
336	182	Whitbread Inv	215	● .	9.8	4.5	32.2
413	270	Wolverhampton & D	358	-2	11.3	2.9	16.8
245	185	Young 'A'	230	● ..	9.4	4.1	16.4

BANKS DISCOUNT HP

1985 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
178	80	Allied Irish	178	● ..	9.0	5.1	..
65	46	Arbuthnot (Henry)	65	+1	..●	..	30.2
353	215	Aus New Z	215	-5	15.0	7.0	..
18½	6⅛	Bankamerica	£9¾	●			..
365	225	Bank Of Ireland	338	● -2	17.0	4.7	..
15½	5½	Bank Leumi Israel	£9½	.	..	..	..
230	218	Bank Leumi UK	270	.	15.0	5.6	15.8
444	351½	Bank Of Scotland	414	-6	18.0b	4.3	10.1
464	332	Barclays	444	-6	24.9	5.4	8.3
		Brown Shipley	419	● ..	13.2	3.2	17.7
445	360	Cater Allen	478	● -5	41.5	8.8	11.6
546	453	Cattles	37½	-½	2.3	6.2	12.6
41	23½	Chase Manhattan	£43⅛	● -½	364	8.5	..
50¾	34⅛	Citicorp	£31¼	● -½	208	5.6	..
42	27½	Clive	37	● ..	1.5	3.4	6.7
72	35	Com Bank Wales	53	-1	3.0	5.7	11.5
55	27	Commerzbank	£72	-¼	6.0	0.1	..
75½	42¼	Deutsche Bank	£180½	-3½	1200	6.6	..
195¼	104½	First Nat Finance	162	-1	..	..	11.4
178	74½	Gerrard Nat	284	● -3	18.9	6.8	16.5
372	284	Guinness Peat	78	-1	2.6	3.3	13.7
80	55	Hambros	188	..	9.6	5.1	15.7
195	131	Do (50p)	£22	..	85.7	4.4	18.4
27	12½	Hill Samuel	343	● -3	17.0	5.0	9.0
371	273	HK Shanghai	63½	● -4	..b	..	..
90	61½	Joseph (Leopold)	278	● ..	16.1	5.8	14.5
283	233	King & Shaxson	152	● -2	11.8	7.8	18.3
788	148	Kleinwort Benson	575	..	21.4b	3.7	10.6
560	375	Lloyds	494	-8	28.8	5.8	7.4
514	345	Manson	34	..	2.1	6.3	13.0
42	22	Mercury Secs	663	-6	22.9	3.4	10.3
768	386	Midland	444	-5	36.4	8.2	7.3
462	322	Nat Aust Bk	211	-5	..	..	..
270	173	Nat West	684	-10	37.8	5.5	5.8
724	557	Ottoman	£79½	..	550	6.9	17.1
80	65½	Provident	312	..	15.7	5.0	13.1
316	193	Rea Bros	63	● +3	1.8	2.8	18.7
80	56	Rothschild (J) Hld	110	+1	6.5	5.9	13.2
116	92	Royl Bnk Of Can	£16½	..	..	..	..
21¼	14	Royl Bnk Of Scot	288	-6	13.7	4.8	8.0
294	218	Schroders	£11	-⅛	26.4	2.3	16.2
11	7¼	Smith St Aubyn	38	● -1	1.0	2.6	3.6
70	34	Stand Chart	444	-8	42.1	9.5	6.9
542	422	Union	638	● -5	62.9	8.3	8.3
748	617	Wagon	125		5.0	4.0	16.6
128	58	Wells Fargo	£42	-½	..	..	..
51	36	Wintrust	240	..	6.9	2.9	16.2
280	240						

BUILDING AND ROADS

1985 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
240	172	Aberdeen Constr	240	+2	10.5	4.4	15.0
280	230	Amec	245	● -2	15.7	6.4	9.7
60	28	Amcliffe	54	..	0.1e	0.3	8.3
128	82	Atwoods	124	..	5.7	4.6	11.4
363	208	BPB Industries	368	-5	11.8	3.1	14.7
333	204	Baggeridge Brick	339	..	9.5	2.8	14.3
128	64	Barratt Devs	120	..	10.9	9.1	..
34	19	Bailey(Ben) Constr	28	..	0.4	1.4	8.2
151	113	Bellway	137	● -1	10.0	7.3	12.5
70	61	Benford Concrete	64	..	5.4	8.4	33.7
77	51	Bett Bros	77	..	4.4	5.8	11.5
925	545	Blockleys	910		32.9	3.6	13.0
608	488	Blue Circle	570	-8	28.6	5.0	7.8
240	184	Breedon&Cloud Hill	238	..	13.6	5.7	28.7

ELECTRICALS

1985 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
21	10	TDK	214½	+1½	..	..	..
230	168	Telephone Rentals	168	● ..	10.0	5.3	13.6
484	301	Thorn EMI	417	-12	25.0	6.0	14.9
185	149	Thorpe (FW)	185	● ..	5.6	3.0	9.2
365	168	Tunstall Telecom	192	+2	2.1	1.1	13.2
216	158	UEI	205	● -4	7.5	3.6	18.4
308	173	Unitech	238	..	8.1	3.4	12.7
350	248	Utd Leasing	249	-3	5.1	2.1	7.9
270	161	Utd Scientific	175	-3	8.1	4.7	11.8
350	244	VG Instruments	338	..	2.7	0.8	29.3
258	123	Volex	245	-1	11.4	4.7	10.2
84	40	Western Selection	64	..	3.9	6.0	19.6
100	58	Whitworth Elec	98	● ..	2.2	2.2	15.0
325	220	Wholesale Fitting	250	..	9.6	3.9	12.8

FINANCE AND LAND

1985 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
334	210	Abingworth	220	-1	1.8	0.8	..
193	128	Aitken Hume	170	● -7	11.0	6.5	7.2
320	200	Antofagasta	300	● ..	20.0	6.7	4.8
151	70	Berkeley Tech	108	..	..b	..	..
25½	17½	Camellia	£17½	..	15.7	0.9	..
215	159	Candover	213	..	2.9	1.3	63.2
35	10	Castleway	18	..	..●	..	..
20½	15½	Equity & Gen	19½	● ..	1.3	6.8	6.7
213	120	Hambro	178	..	10.0	5.6	25.5
193	91	Ivory & Sime	185	● ..	6.1	3.3	32.3
173	114	Majedie	180	● -1	9.9	5.5	22.9
47	37	Nat Home Loans	44	..	..	..	..
45½	41½	Do 5%	£43½	..	800	18.3	..
221	128	Park Place	215	● ..	8.9	4.1	18.4

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FOODS

1985 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
168	130	ASDA-MFI	164	-2	5.9	2.6	19.6
27	18	Alpine Drinks	23	+1	2.6	11.2	..
345	253	Argyll	338	+8	8.9	2.6	20.6
270	194	AB Food	268	-2	8.0	3.0	12.6
114	88	Assoc Fisheries	107	+1	3.9	3.7	15.9
679	559	Avana	579	..	16.8	2.9	17.7
260	195	Banks (Sidney C)	245	● ..	14.3	5.8	7.3

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10¼	4⅛	Assoc Newspaper	210½	..	21.4	2.1	18.9
350	255	Black (A&C)	320	..	13.9	4.4	17.9
600	395	Bristol	555	..	30.7	5.5	21.5
495	333	Collins (Wm)	490	..	9.8	2.0	25.1
338	283	Do 'A'	325	-5	9.8	3.0	18.7
169	95	Emap 'A'	164	● ..	4.7	2.9	24.2
360	280	Haynes Publishing	345	..	18.6	5.3	18.2
171	95	Home Counties	98	..	5.7	5.8	4.7
247	130	Independent	248	..	12.0	5.0	..
522	407	Int Thomson	457	-7	14.8	3.2	13.0
728	505	News International	620	..	15.1	2.4	..
565	423	Octopus	480	..	8.2	1.7	28.0
147	124	Portsmouth Sund	128	● ..	5.7	4.5	12.6
277	227	Trinity Intl	238	..	17.4	7.3	7.9
399	280	Utd Newspapers	298	..	22.5	8.2	10.7

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1985 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
386	256	BAT	278	-3	15.7	5.7	5.6
249	162	Imperial	241	-4	12.2	5.1	13.7
205	111	Rothmans 'B'	160	-3	11.1	7.0	4.6

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62	18	Arco Energy	28	..	..	..	..
78	24	Atlantic Resources	28	..	..	..	..
610	470	Br Petroleum	561	-3	45.7	8.1	7.8
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Malaysian SE closes indefinitely to maintain confidence

From M. G. G. Pillai, Kuala Lumpur

The Malaysian Stock Exchange closed indefinitely yesterday, in tandem with the Singapore stock market, as the two governments moved to maintain public confidence and prevent panic selling over the weekend receivership of Pan-Electric Industries, a quoted Singapore company with 68 subsidiaries and interests throughout the world.

Brokers and Bankers in Singapore and Kuala Lumpur fear that the events that drove Pan-Electric, into the hands of receivers with debts of more than $350 million (£120 million) could affect other companies as well.

Besides, several broking firms may face liquidity problems and a few could probably fail for their involvement in a questionable $140 million share deal with Pan-Electric.

But the bigger worry is that the tangled web that forced the banks to foreclose on Pan-Electric could affect the credibility of several leading Malaysian politicians, including Tan Koon Swan, the newly-elected president of the Malaysian Chinese Association.

The president through one of his listed companies, had bought into Pan-Electric and promised it a $40-million loan interest free. But problems surfaced in Pan-Electric when it had to cancel a rights issue after it could not make a $7.3 million loan repayment.

It was learnt later that, after its default, Pan-Electric made a margin payment of S$40 million for forward purchases of shares totalling S$140 million of shares. It was this that forced the banks to act.

Fears that other companies could be so affected forced both governments to step in to prevent a collapse of the stock markets. About 70 per cent of the stocks are common to both markets, although they run independent of each other. Pan-Electrc is quoted only in Singapore, but fears of panic selling, especially since Tan Koon Sidan controls two quoted counters in Malaysia, and one or two others that could be candidates for receivership forced the closure of the exchanges.

Officials in Kuala Lumpur and Singapore fear a loss of international investor interest, which had been a factor in preventing the stock markets from being more bearish than it has been. Even more worrying, is the risk of triggering off other companies in similar trouble.

The possibility that Pan-Electric entered into share trading on this scale without the approval of the full board would cause a chain reaction among parties involved in Pan-Electric's forward purchases.

Equally important is the growing belief that syndicates had been keeping up the prices of a number of countries by exchanging a massive amount of shares among the group, which though legal is discouraged. They would now have to stop their activities and scamper for cover, causing and already bearish markets to weaken further.

For Malaysia, this could not have come at a worse time. It is already struggling to come to terms with the collapse of the tin and petroleum market, the rubber and palm oil prices hitting lows for the year, and an economy that is headed for more trouble than the gvetnment is prepared, or willing, to admit.

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Singapore fears repercussions of Pan-Electric's collapse

From Paul Routledge, Singapore

Powerful anxieties about the impact of Singapore's biggest-ever corporate collapse are now being openly expressed. The influential *Business Times* said: "No matter what the next episode in the Pan-Electric crisis brings, Singapore's reputation as a financial capital will already have suffered as a result of this debacle, the gravest in the republic's financial history.

"Repercussions for bankers, brokers, investors, creditors and policians are immense."

The Singapore Stock Exchange was deserted yesterday. The 300-entry electronic share price display was blank.

A handful of staff contemplated the unaccustomed calm, but no one knew when trading would restart. And there was no official guidance, though the Stock Exchange of Singapore Committee chairman, Mr Ong Tjin An, has said the closure will only last "a few days."

The exchange is working on a scheme "for the strengthening of the securities industry" for approval by the monetary authority of Singapore. Nothing of the work involved in this frantic exercise is being divulged officially, but market analysts believe it could be a two-stage recovery programme.

The first stage would involve the big local banks coming to the aid of at least 10 broking houses severely affected by the speculative forward buying activities of Pan-Electric.

The second step would be a toughening of the regulations governing share transactions. Brokers might be more strictly licensed, and tighter controls on companies forward buying activities would be introduced.

Business Times yesterday said: "without outside help" some of the country's brokers were danger of bankruptcy if Pan-Electric finally goes bust after entering into forward contracts for listed securities valued at S$140 million when the group itself was worth only S$160 million.

"The line dividing private from public interests will have to redrawn," the paper added. "Investors, local and foreign, are going to start questioning why share prices have been at the level they have been.

"A fast and effective response from the authorities will go some way to contain the damage done to Singapore's reputations. They can reexamine, urgently, the rules concerning share trading and share traders. They cannot afford to muff this chance," the *Business Times* said.

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Eric Varley: "Rule book put to disastrous use"

NUM action in pit strike criticized by Varley

By David Young
Energy Correspondent

Mr Eric Varley, the former Labour Party Energy Secretary who was one of the architects of the controversial *Plan for Coal* and a member of the National Union of Mineworkers, yesterday criticized the union for its actions during the miners' strike. He also praised the present Government for the way that it has quickly resumed investment of more than £2 million a day to repair damage done to the industry.

Mr Varley was succeeded as Labour's Energy Secretary and as MP for Chesterfield by Mr Tony Benn, and is now chairman of the Coalite Group, one of the National Coal Board's largest customers.

He told the Coal Industry Society that Britain's coal industry faces a bright future, "provided it can avoid self-inflicted blows".

He said: "It is unlikely that there will be further unrest in the mines and there will be peace in the coal industry for a very long time."

However, he added: "Last November some members of the executive embarked on action which had the seeds of disaster sown right from the start. We saw the rule book put to disastrous use."

Mr Varley, who thanked teh NUM for providing him with his political career and his further education, also said that the union should be aware that the Government had come to the industry its aid as soon as the strike had ended and that production records are beingg set in many pits.

He said: "No industry in history has received aid so promptly from any Government after suffering such self-inflicted wounds."

Top award for IBM chief

By Derek Harris
Industrial Editor

Sir Edwin Nixon, chairman and chief executive of IBM, United Kingdom, was yesterday named businessman of the year.

He used the occasion to appeal to companies to dedicate 1 per cent of pretax net profits to building up Britains cultural, educational and social infrastructure.

Sir Edwin was supporting an earlier initiative by Sir Hector Laing, chairman of United Biscuits, who headed the panel which selected him for the award.

It was the fifteenth award made by Hambro, the merchant bank, for the business person who has made the most important overall contribution during the year to business and the community.

Sir Hector was to have made the award in London but was dealing with his company's merger with Imperial Group.

The award citation described Sir Edwin as a man of sustained vision and determination whose leadership had placed his company at the forefront of the British information technology industry.

Sir Edwin, who joined IBM as a date processing salesman in 1955, became managing director in Britain in 1965 and was appointed chairman and chief executive in 1979.

Sir Edwin stressed industry's wider responsibilities

He emphasized industry's wider responsibilities yesterday.

Sir Edwin said he regarded the award as recognition of the many contributions made by IBM employees over the years to the well-being of Britain and communities up and down the country.

He said: "Industry must accept that it has a significant role to play, not only in wealth creation, but also in helping support the cultural, educational and social infrastrcture.

Record year for exports of mining equipment

By Our Energy Correspondent

Britain's mining equipment manufacturers, which were forced to concentrate on export markets during the year-long miners' strike, set export records in 1984, according to figures issued by the Association of British Mining Equipment Companies.

Sales were made to 78 countries, with more than 80 per cent going to the 10 large coal producing or consuming countries, the United States, China, South Africa, Indonesia, India, Canada, Australia, Belgium, Botswana and Hong Kong.

The 10 major customer countries are to be the target of the association in the coming year to increase market share, and a sale team is to be sent to assess the untapped market in the Soviet Union.

In 1984 exports of underground mining equipment rose by 59.1 per cent, with a total value of £147 million, compared with £92 million in 1983. Surface equipment export sales rose by 69 per cent in 1984 to a total worth £49 milion, compared with £29 million the previous year.

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Turnover	59,023	44,797	+32%
Profit on ordinary activities before taxation	10,135	9,046	+12%
Earnings and Dividends	1985	1984	
(a) Earnings per share	8.82p	8.38p	+5%
(b) Dividend per share	3.25p	2.9p	+12%

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Appeal for research cash

Britain's oldest medical school is celebrating its bicentenary. **David Loshak** reports on the innovations that have contributed to its strong reputation over the years

The London Hospital Medical College, Britain's oldest medical school, is celebrating its bicentenary at as critical a time for medical learning as any in its history.

Funds for research are being continuously whittled away. "The outlook is difficult for everyone and we are not alone," said David Edwards, the school's secretary, "but our income, a third of which goes on research, is being cut by two per cent a year in real terms for the next five years. We expect to be £2 million a year underfunded by the end of the decade."

As it is, considerable sums come from professors and other academics who forgo the lucrative rewards of private practice by funnelling all they earn in this way to the college. But there can be no guarantee their successors will be as *self-sacrificing.*

No less vital is the need for adequate study facilities, which is why an appeal has been launched to raise £1 million to convert the neighbouring deconsecrated church of St Augustine with St Philip into a library that can accommodate the immense stores of published *material that today's students* need to consult. These have far outgrown the college's existing library.

Top: Professor Michael Floyer, dean, left, and Sir John Ellis, a former dean, outside their college. Above: The church of St Augustine with St Philip, site of the new library

The diversity of research in train is notable. Professor Hilliard Festenstein is an authority of world stature in the field of immunology. Professor W. R. *Keatinge is pioneering* research into exposure to cold and other medical aspects of deepsea diving. Professor John Blandy's work on prostate surgery has transformed the quality of life for older men.

Other fields in which the college, with the hospital, is achieving outstanding work are microbiology, new dental materials and the metabolism of the human body.

In all such areas of study, Professor Michael Floyer, the dean, points out: "you may not know where you are going". Research money, therefore, may not seem to be immediately cost-effective, and to make *immediate* "value for money" the chief criterion for appraising *projects deemed most to merit* funding is liable to prove not only shortsighted but damaging.

"It is pump-priming money," says Professor Floyer. "It can be the start of important things and often has been: we had professors of pathology and microbiology before the NHS ever thought of them or saw the need.

"But with grants from the Medical Research Council be*coming more and more difficult* to obtain, even the most excellent and promising projects are not being undertaken."

One aspect of the problem is that research these days is far costlier than in the past. "We can no longer manage with a few pieces of chewing gum and *bits of wire,*" he says.

Research is further squeezed, Mr Edwards points out, by cutbacks in staff forced upon the hospital by economies. Necessarily, patient care takes precedence, with student training next among senior doctors' priorities. The time left for research is inevitably curtailed.

In addition to staff retrenchment, the college has twice suffered from the effects of the *notorious "Rawp" – the health* department's acronym for redis*tribution of resources between* the nation's 14 health regions, from the relatively overfunded four Thames regions which cover the south-east, to the rest of the country and within these regions themselves, from Lon*don to the peripheral districts of* the Home Counties.

And though the college is situated in Tower Hamlets, which according to most indices is the most deprived borough in the country, funding is being shifted from it to a perilous extent. "There seems to be a philosophy at the health department to spread the butter evenly but very thin," says *Professor Floyer.*

"But when you get below a certain critical mass, a teaching hospital cannot survive. Elitism is frowned on, but what has been built up over generations is in danger of being destroyed – *not only reduced services to the* people of this area but reduced ability of us to continue with the research, teaching and cross-fertilization of ideas that has been our great strength for two centuries."

Moreover, Mr Edwards notes, appeals for money to fund academic or "pump-priming" research do not tug at the public's heartstrings as strongly as other charitable *calls* in the medical field.

Enough has already been raised, however, thanks in part to funding from English Heritage and the Greater London Council's Historic Buildings Commission, to weatherproof the Church of St Augustine with *St Philip.*

The Church Commissioners have agreed it would admirably suit conversion to a library without its appearance being impaired.

Once the work is complete – it is hoped within the next three years – the library will be large enough to serve the many kinds of student and staff who work at the London. But some £600,000 is still needed.

In addition to an adequate reading room, the stacking facilities which every modern *library needs and which are* lacking, will be ample. They will include the large crypt of St Philip's, an earlier church on the site.

The present library, an uncommonly handsome room dating from the building expansion programme of the 1880s, *officially opened by the Prince* of Wales, will be available for use as a hall for examinations and major functions.

Lord Knutsford, patron of the bicentenary appeal, whose great uncle, Sidney Holland, was the *hospital's* chairman for 35 years in its heyday as a *voluntary* hospital, believes a modern and well-equipped library is "essential" for continued medical and dental advance.

"If the appeal succeeds, we will have a library fit to serve for the next 200 years," he says.

A new approach to cope with teething problems

With the title the London Hospital Medical College, its large, flourishing and innovative dental school which is of *considerable significance in* its own right tends to be overlooked. Founded in 1911, it is acknowledged as a leading institution in its field.

Dentistry did not officially exist as an academic and professional discipline until as recently as 1921. Until then, anyone could set up in practice.

But at the college, education in this began before 1911. *However, it* remained a relatively small part of the college's work until its present building was opened 20 years ago.

This enabled an enlarged intake to the present 55 students a year. The aim of the *six-year course, according to the* prospectus, "is to create a dentist capable of accepting a responsibility for the care of whole patients and indeed communities, while also being competent to treat a wide range *of dental diseases and anoma*lies and maintain dental health.

"Furthermore", the prospectus adds, "it is hoped that the course will produce graduates capable of advancing knowledge within dentistry and able to initiate and respond to developments throughout their lives". This admirably open-minded and wide-ranging approach *accords fully with the singular* ethos of the college's educational philosophy.

"The school has always tended to be somewhat experimental and forward-looking in outlook," says Harry Allred, professor of conservative dentistry and former dean for six *years. It has also, he empha*sises, a name for community dentistry – one of its alumni was Geoffrey Slack, Britain's first professor in the subject.

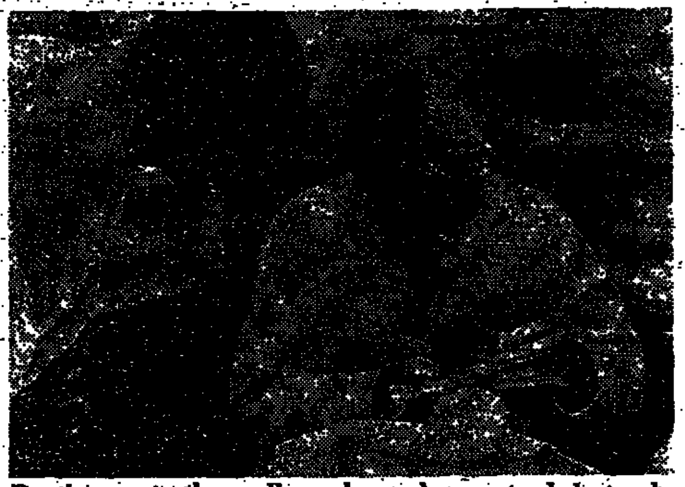
Professor Allred recalled the way in which dentistry was taught to him as a student and, indeed, as it is still taught in many places – strongly technological and theoretical in con*tent, and some time before one* got to see an actual patient. "And then he or she wouldn't have any teeth!" he says.

After that, students would practise on mannequin heads and do yet more theoretical work until they were *allowed* real-life contact with patients. "It was *base over apex*", Professor Allred comments. "We rejected it, deciding that dentistry could only really be learned from the management and care of patients."

At the college, the scheme of things is that the earlier students have contact with patients, the better.

Today's students confront all the dental disciplines from the start – oral surgery, paediatric dentistry, conserving teeth, prosthetic and peridontal work.

There is also a strong emphasis on research, attested *to by the fact that the Medical* Research Council has placed its peridontal research unit on the campus. The school also has what is probably the strongest dental material sciences research department in the country, *in collaboration with* University College Hospital.



Dentistry at the college has always tended to be experimental and forward-looking in outlook

A key feature of the way students learn and patients are simultaneously treated is the *school's system of dental care* units. Dental students work closely with nursing and auxiliary people, together with a member of the academic staff, and are from the start directly responsible, with the team, for patient care, under guidance. "It works as a unit and not as a *one-man* show," Professor Allred says.

The system is particularly useful because of the way in which training-treatment is organized into a clutch of units known as an operatory, with *essential services centralized* and shared. The teaching of dentistry is staff-intensive, more so even than medicine, so this system is particularly suitable.

Professor Allred regards it as valuable to be based in the East End. "In spite of all that has happened in the past 30 years, there is still an identification with this hospital by the people: they regard it as theirs. We are *fortunate in having a com*munity which is local to us, though we do also draw patients from elsewhere."

An awareness of the community's nature and needs is also a key part of the all-round *dentist's approach to his work.* "It is no use just telling a child to clean his teeth and assuming it will get done if you don't know that he is one of 10 kids living in two rooms.

"*Likewise, we are very aware of the large and varied number* of ethnic groups around here – among the Bangladeshis, for example, there is no tradition of going to the dentist," he says. *Their incidence of peridontal* disease is rising, in contrast to most other groups, even though their teeth as such show less decay than most other people."

Further to militate against any ivory tower attitudes, the students also work at a nearby health centre staffed by GPs and *physicians,* nurses and midwives. "It means that our students are better attuned to picking up the occasional patient, say, who needs a cardiologist rather than some fillings. Dentists must learn that they have a responsibility for the whole human being," says Professor Allred.

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Pioneers, from left: Dr Barnardo, Children's Homes founder; Sir Frederick Treves, friend of the Elephant Man; Edith Cavell, nurse; and Sir William Blizard, college founder

Famous pioneers from Barnardo to Cavell

Among the many famous and eminent names associated with the London Hospital Medical College during the past two centuries have been:

Sir Frederick Treves, who befriended the Elephant Man, and was surgeon to Edward VII.

Dr Barnardo, founder of the Children's Homes. He worked at the London as a medical missionary during London's last great cholera epidemic, in 1866. It was during his work in the East End that he came to realize that hundreds of deserted children slept on the streets every night.

Nurse Edith Cavell, First World War heroine, who joined the hospital in 1895.

John Merrick, the Elephant Man, who lived, and died, in a room at the hospital looking out on to the church which is to become the college's new library.

Bernard Dawson (Lord Dawson of Penn), a progenitor of the National Health Service, senior physician at the hospital and physician to King George V, whose dying days were marked by the BBC's famous announcement of Dawson's words: "The King's life is moving peacefully to its close".

Morell Mackenzie, founder of British laryngology.

Sir John Hutchinson, a Victorian medical polymath, acknowledged as a founder of dermatology and venerology.

Archie Clark-Kennedy, dean during the Second World War, instrumental in keeping the college going during its dispersal over east London and East Anglia, and a strong force in keeping medical education from losing touch with patient welfare by becoming over-specialized.

H. P. Dean, pioneer of spinal anaesthesia in the early 20th century and a powerful influence in the development of modern anatomical, physiological and pathological studies at the hospital.

Leonard Hill and Harold Barnard, who invented the method by which doctors measure blood pressure.

William Bullock, who worked out the inheritance of haemophilia in the Royal Family.

Arthur Ellis, a pioneer in the understanding of renal disease and hypertension.

Donald Hunter, father of occupational medicine.

A medical cornucopia for all

The teaching of medicine needs close contact with real people in the real world more than most academic disciplines. Least of all schools can it afford to become immured in ivory towers.

Yet, fewer professions as they learn the ropes seem to suffer from a greater divorce between gown and town as medicine. The concentration of teaching hospitals in central London, where few live, exemplifies the gap between medical theory and training on the one hand and the real needs of patients and the grassroots practice of medicine on the other.

Happily, it has been the signal strength and singular nature of the London Hospital over the past 245 years, and its medical college, which this year celebrates its bicentenary, that they are rooted deeply in the community they serve.

Moreover, that community is one of the most variegated and needy in the country. London's East End is a medical cornucopia for students and practitioners alike.

Sir John Ellis, who was dean of the college for 13 years after 11 as sub-dean and vice-dean, has just completed the first official history of the college, which will be available early in 1986. In his view, it was able to create and offer "a unique pattern" of medical education thanks to its origins and location – a system in which apprentices in the medical arts learned by treating real people rather than by scouring tomes or dissecting cadavers.

Despite many changes and fluctuation of fortune in the past 200 years, the college has remained steadfast to its traditions. It is still distinguished by its close links with the local polyglot community – made up today not only of families who were in the Whitechapel area when it was almost open country, but of waves of immigrants and their descendants from more than 30 nations.

Until the college came into being, there were no medical schools in England like those in the universities of Europe and, indeed, Scotland.

The study of medicine was by apprenticeship to a physician, surgeon or apothecary. Instruction of a sort, chiefly in anatomy, could be obtained only in a somewhat haphazard way at home or from private tutors, or by walking the wards at a hospital.

To one young surgeon at the London Hospital, William Blizard, this seemed unsatisfactory, He was convinced that there should be a proper school in which students could study all aspects of the subject.

He managed to persuade the governors to lend land just to the east of the site where the original hospital building still stands. It was ideal, he felt, because it was "removed from the places of disspation" three miles or so to the west.

His public appeal raised money for a school with lecture theatre, laboratory, library and museum. It was, indeed, the first medical school in England built by public subscription and for nearly a century was the only one in London independent of a hospital or multi-faculty institution.

It remained independent even of the London Hospital itself. This arrangement, which did provide the school with clinical facilities, permitted the teaching of all subjects deemed relevant to medicine, whether practised in the hospital or not, and made possible the appointment of teachers who were, as Sir John Ellis put it, "both enthusiastic and of like mind".

When the college opened, Blizard saw it as "an illustrious monument to the sensibility and munificence of Englishmen".

It was Blizard who initiated an attitude to students which set a new pattern in medical training. As partners in this approach he had Archibald Billing, who organised the first system of bedside teaching in London, and Thomas Davies, who introduced from France the use of the stethoscope and the consideration of physical signs in clinical medicine.

They pioneered a new kind of medical training. Students were taught by example, came to the wards as informed apprentices and learned by caring for patients (under supervision, of course). The college put more emphasis on clinical method and patient care than anywhere else, uniting teachers and learners in service.

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It was this system which gave British medicine the distinctive character it retains to this day, for all the specialisation that the weight of modern knowledge makes necessary.

The practical training pioneered at the London Hospital Medical College was taken up by all the other medical schools of the capital. During the Victorian era, this played a major part in the development of the system and tradition of general practice which is, to a large extent, that part of the National Health Service that is, as much has been surpassed elsewhere, still "the envy of the world".

In 1854, a new college building – "the most convenient, salubrious and handsome school in the Metropolis", according to the press at the time – was opened. Over the years, as the adjacent hospital grew rapidly to deal with the multitudes who streamed into the area with industrialization, the college also continued to expand.

Hospital aid cost the college its control

But a price had to be the college's enviable independence. The hospital's governors saw the need for the school to expand, but as the management of training grew more complex – this period saw advances in anaesthetics and antisepsis which made it possible to treat many more patients – they offered to subsidise it on condition they took control of it. From 1879 until the inception of the National Health Service in 1948, the college was run by a board of six lay governors and six teachers.

The main college buildings, which remain today, were opened by the Prince of Wales in 1887. They have among their rooms the handsome library which is a focus of the bicentenary commemoration.

The school also houses a museum, not for public gawping but for study. One of the technicians who prepare and preserve new specimens, is Percy Nunn. He has worked there for 40 years, and is due to be succeeded by his son David. This typifies both the continuity and the almost family-like spirit of college and hospital.

In its 200 years, the college has made major contributions to British medicine.

It has produced more than 20,000 doctors and dentists. It has done outstanding work in such fields as neurology, cardiology, dermatology and urology, leading to the first cardiothoracic surgery, the first neurosurgery and the first plastic surgery.

All-round training for today's doctors

As in the past, the research at the London Hospital Medical College, on which further advance depends, seems again under financial threat.

Because it is in Whitechapel, the hospital and college seldom have the wealthy benefactors to whom other great London medical institutions often have cause to be grateful. The college looks increasingly to industry for help.

And it has received it. Today the hospital has wider aims than ever before, for it seeks to provide its students with a fundamental grounding in scientific method, human biology and medicine in whatever branch of medicine, including dentistry, they move into.

Such study today entails a vast range of subject matter. Students must familiarize themselves with forms of treatment and departments of a kind which would have been unimaginable in founder, Sir William Blizard's day.

Among recent developments has been a building, given by the Wingate Foundation, to house gastro-intestinal research.

Inevitably, training and education have moved away from the practical into the many theoretical aspects which are necessary for the modern doctor at least to know to a degree.

In the past – and not so distant past, for all that – students would expect to be dealing with relatively young people with visible florid disease. Today, as former dean Sir John Ellis put it, much of the work is with more complex aetiologies of old people "who are breaking down bit by bit". Diseases are no longer so easily recognizable and each patient is a new and special problem.

"So we have moved, somewhat surreptitiously," says Sir John "from turning students into general practitioners into making the medical school only the first stage of their professional education", with postgraduate training to follow.

Even so, the college believes its students still get better clinical experience than most. It is partly because they tend to live among the local community, and partly because many who apply are in the more social aspects of medicine.

"We like students to be broad in outlook," says the current dean, Professor Michael Floyer. "We require good A levels but we take other interests into account and would like them to have a Grade 8 with the violin or be a keen bird watcher, for example.

"It makes for a better doctor," he asserts.

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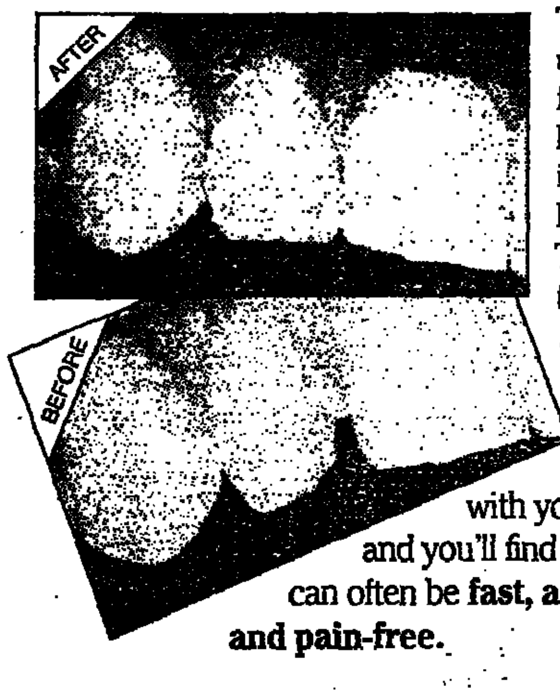

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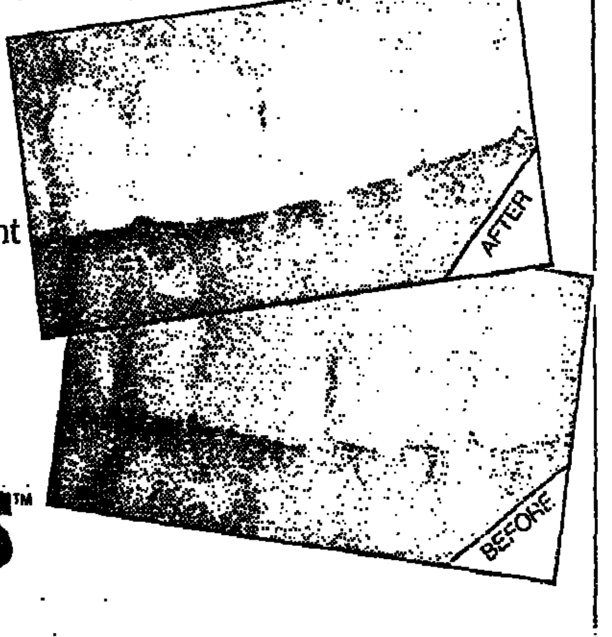

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RUGBY UNION

South Africa's decision to call off tour spares general embarrassment

By David Hands, Rugby Correspondent

The South African Rugby Board's (SARB) decision, announced yesterday, to call off the proposed British Lions tour next summer will save embarrassment to a large number of sporting organizations, notably the organizers of next year's Commonwealth Games in Edinburgh and not excluding the Board themselves. It is a decision which will bring joy to anti-apartheid organizations and a large number of politicians, in Britain and throughout the Commonwealth but, in pure rugby terms, it is a sorry day indeed.

Of course one cannot look at anything to do with South Africa in such terms. There has been an inevitability about this decision since the Pretoria Government announced a state of emergency on July 21: it is scarcely possible to contemplate playing international rugby while, a few miles away, people may be dying in racial clashes, yet it ignores the very real efforts sportsmen in South Africa have made to eliminate apartheid within their own sphere of influence.

Three inferences may be drawn from the Board's action firstly, that the SARB Believes the fabric of international rugby, encapsulated in the International Rugby Football Board (IRFB), may hold together more successfully if no potentially divisive invitation to tour is issued. Secondly, the board will not permit paid 'rebel' tours in South Africa because that would result automatically in their expulsion from the IRFB. Thirdly, South Africa wil do their best to prevent a wholesale defection of their leading palyers to Rugby League, a possibility much canvassed of late.

Ironically, South Africa are due to join with the other seven countries next April to celebrate the centenary of the IRFB, they may feel there is little to celebrate. A Lions team will be chosen for the centenary games and it is possible to envisage a certain amount of canvassing then, if not before, of Britain's leading players to see if they would wish to participate - as individuals - in an invitation tour to South Africa.

In the past 10 years a whole series of such sides have visited the Republic and the home unions would put no bar on palyers accepting individual invitations. There remains too the possibility of contact at lower levels: Crawsahy's Welsh took a side containing several Welsh internationals to South Africa last August and the London Counties have been invited to go as part of their 75th anniversary celebrations. For South Africa it would not be the same as a full international visit but it would mean the maintenance of an increasingly fragile relationship.

I have a little doubt that the SARB had been made aware of the diverse attitudes in Britain and Ireland to the Lions tour: the re-think by England, the difficulties facing Scotland with the Commonwealth Games on their doorstep, political criticism at local level in Wales of links with South Africa. Hints from both Ireland and Scotland recently suggested that neither country expected an invitation to be forthcoming, although the timing of yesterday's announcement will have come as a surprise. But the SARB would not have issued an invitation if they felt there was any possibility of a rebuff.

Both England and Ireland were due to discuss the tour on January 3 and may now, with outward regret but surely inward relief, be spared doing so. The question remains, however, whether the Lions will go anywhere next year: increasingly, and despite Ireland's huge enthusiasm for the Lions concept, the answer appears negative.

There is a growing feeling that Australia and New Zealand, who host the world tournament in 1987, have enough goodies on their table; besides, New Zealand hosted the last Lions tour, in 1983, and Australia have various alternative commitments next summer.

The Webb Ellis Trophy is the other reason why British and Irish players are unlikely to be seduced by thoughts of a professional circus, should another entrepreneur such as the ill-fated David Lord emerge. Many ambitions will be directed at the inaugural world tournament for that trophy and, looked at in purely nationalistic terms, the cancellation of the Lions tour could be seen as positively beneficial.

When the leading players from the four home countries band together as the Lions they lose the distinctive characteristics and understanding acquired in preparation for the five nations championship. England, for instance, have a B tour scheduled at the end of this season, probably to Italy. It will do them more good, as part of their long-term world tournament preparation, to upgrade their tour and take on a slightly larger itinerary if possible before giving their players a decent rest before the demanding 1986-7 season – which will not end until June, 1987 – begins.

For South Africa there is only sadness. Players such as Rob Louw who, with other Springboks, has been an enthusiastic participant in the multi-racial coaching clinics held for thousands of youngsters over the last few years, may think, as Louw said yesterday, there is only one remaining option: "To go it alone, following the professional road," though Louw denied that he would sign for a British Rugby League club.

Danie Craven, president of the SARB for over a generation, said the invitation to tour would be witheld "for some time". Until civil peace can be seen by a hostile world in his troubled country, that may be a long time indeed.

South-West gamble on Barnes

Stuart Barnes is included in the South and South-West divisional side to play London at the Stoop Memorial Ground on Saturday, despite a strained knee ligament (David Hands writes). Another Bath player, Swift, the left wing, is already out: he is to have an operation today to remove scar tissue on a tendon behind his right knee and will be out for three weeks.

Such injury problems were due to be resolved at squad training at Keynsham yesterday evening, but I imagine that Hamlin, the Gloucester stand-off half, may be considered as a replacement for Barnes. Bristol, who have no representatives in the team at the moment, offer Carr or Morley as a possible replacement for Swift.

SOUTH AND SOUTH-WEST (Bath unless stated): C Martin; D Trick, S Halliday, J Palmer, A N Other; S Barnes, R Hill; G Chilcott, K White (Gloucester), R Pascall (Gloucester), M Teague (Cardiff), J Orwin (Gloucester), N Redman, R Spurrell (captain), D Egerton. Replacement (all Bristol): J Webb, R Knibbs, R Harding, K Bogra, P Stiff, A Dun.

● Nigel Melville, the England scrum half, who was injured playing for Yorkshire last month, hopes to play for Wasps against Rosslyn Park on Saturday. He has been advised by a specialist to test his damaged left knee in match conditions.

● Gary Pearce, the England prop, will learn today whether he has a fractured jaw that could rule him out of the Midlands divisional match with the North at Nottingham on Saturday.

Bailey at stand-off for Cambridge

By David Hands

Cambridge University, who have spent all term looking for the most effective blend at half back, have asked Mark Bailey to play stand-off half against Oxford University at Twickenham next Tuesday. Bailey, capped twice by England as a left wing and picked in that position by London for the divisional championship, has agreed, albeit reluctantly.

The position would have gone to Mark Thomas but for his unfortunate knee injury in the game last week against Micky Steele-Bodger's XV. He will be able to resume training next week but that is too late: Simms, the England centre, was known to be unhappy about playing stand-off, so Bailey has come to the rescue.

This cloud has a silver lining for Wyles, the new left wing, who played every game except the University match last season, and has appeared in every match this season, which is his final year. If he has waited long for a Blue, so has Stileman, the lock, now in his fourth year, who has played 65 times for the senior side yet has always – until now – been overlooked for Twickenham.

Until Tim O'Brien did so in 1983, no one had won a Blue for both Cambridge and Oxford. Now it is becoming a commonplace: Herrod, with three Oxford Blues to his credit, appears in Cambridge's front row next week, while Roberts, a Cambridge Blue in 1983, will work the Oxford scrum.

Oxford's two front-row men, Glynn and Willis, have recovered from neck injuries to take their place in a side which includes Pearson, last year's scrum half, on the left wing and Coll MacDonald, whose brothers Dugald and Donald won Blues in the mid-seventies, at No 8.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY: *A G Hastings (George Watson's and Magdalene, captain); A T Harriman (Radley and Magdalene), *K G Simms (West Park and Emmanuel), K T Wyles (Wymondham and Churchill); *M D Bailey (Ipswich, Durham University and Corpus Christie), J M P C Turner (Sherborne, Durham University and Downing), *N J Herrod (King Henry VIII, Coventry, Oxford University and Clare), *P Combe (Marlborough and Magdalene), T Borthwick (Tonbridge and Magdalene), *P A Green (Kent College and Trinity Hall), W M C Stileman (Wellington College and Selwyn), *S T O'Leary (Plymouth College and Fitzwilliam), S Kelly (Richard Hulsh College and Corpus Christi), T Withyman (Spalding GS and Emmanuel).

OXFORD UNIVERSITY: A P Kennedy (Wallace HS, Lisburn, and Keble); *S J R Vessey (Magdalen CS and Merton), R Rydon (Sherborne and Pembroke), *J M Risman (Wellington College and St Edmund Hall), *S B Pearson (Uppingham and Trinity); A M Johnson (Radley and St Catherine's), *S N J Roberts (Manchester GS, Cambridge University and Exeter); J M Dingemans (Radley and Mansfield), R I Glynn (Leeds GS and St Edmund Hall), T G Willis (Wellington College and St Edmund Hall), *T G R Marvin (Radley and St Catherine's) *N Macdonald (University of Cape Town and University, captain), C Crane (Pontypool College and St Edmund Hall), S J M Griffin (Christ College, Southampton University and University), C P MacDonald (Stellenbosch University and University).

*A Blue.

BOXING

Frazier, Bruno's opponent, in London yesterday

Graham's title bout warm-up

Herol Graham, of Sheffield, makes his first appearance at his new home base tonight. He meets Sanderline Williams, of the United States, at Ulster Hall, Belfast, and it will be interesting to see how the Irish crowd, brought up on a heavy diet of Barry McGuigan, react to the class of the unbeaten Sheffield middleweight.

Certainly B. J. Eastwood, McGuigan's manager, has the utmost faith in Graham. It was not for sentimental reasons that he recently acquired the fighter's contract from another Irishman, Brendan Ingle. He knows that Graham – pound for pound – is probably only second best, in Britain, to McGuigan himself. He also knows that, given the chance, Graham might just be the man to upset Marvin Hagler when the time comes.

After five years as undisputed champion and at the age of 31, Hagler is beginning to creak slightly. He has never taken much harm in the ring but he recently suffered a broken nose in training, has been hit by back trouble, and is due to meet the fearsome light-middleweight, John Mugabe, in the new year.

Mugabe may not be big enough to beat Hagler but he will surely add to the softening process, and enhance everybody else's prospects. Eastwood's task is to ensure that Graham is in the right place at the right time. Graham's task is to extend his unbeaten record.

Bad Boy aims to look good

By Srikumar Sen
Boxing Correspondent

Larry Frazier, who was booked to meet Frank Bruno two years ago, finally arrived in London on Sunday by way of Soledad Maximum Security Prison.

The 36-year-old heavyweight from Bekersfield, California, who was released last December after serving two years of a three-year sentence for assaulting a police officer, is a late replacement for Bruno's original opponent for the Albert Hall tomorrow, Larry Alexander. Alexander was sent home to New York last week after the New York Athletic Commission alerted the British Boxing Board of Control that there was a suspicious looking spot on Alexander's brain scan.

Frazier, who has a record of 23 wins in 29 bouts including a second-round knockout of the former world champion, Mike Weaver, and a first-round stoppage over Jeff Sims, the present World Boxing Concil No5, warned yesterday that jet-lag not withstanding, he was here do the same to Bruno.

"No way am I going to get a decision," he said "Hell man, I know how to take care of myself."

Frazier, who was once known as the Black Destroyer but now prefers to sport Bad Boy Frazier on his gear, had had three contests since leaving prison, losing two of them.

BLOODSTOCK SALES

Virginian studs acquire mares in foal to Kris

By a Special Correspondent

Two attractively bred mares, both in foal to stallion of the moment, Kris, were among the highlights at the opening session of the second week of the Newmarket December sales yesterday.

Michael Motion got the better of David Minton when paying 370,000 guineas for the Sir Ivor mare, Fidelity. Motion was acting for Mark Hardin who has the Rockbourne Farm in Middleburg, Virginia. "She'll be covered in Europe, and then sent to the States", Motion said.

Hardin's father, Taylor, used to own the Newstead Farm where the dam of this mare, Northern Gem, was bred. When he died, in 1976, the stud was run as a trust and, last month in Kentucky, they sold Miss Oceana for $7 million – a world record for a broodmare.

Motion also has links with Northern Gem, a group-race winner, as she was purchased by him as a yearling at Saratoga. After her racing career with Doug Smith, she was sold through this ring to another American, George Strawbridge.

Fidelity, a four-year-old, was sent up from the Stowell Hill Stud, who also submitted last week's top-priced Shareef Dancer foal for 470,000 guineas.

American buyers were certainly in evidence yesterday, as they gave 325,000 guineas for the seven-year-old mare, Exclusively Raised. Hugo Lascelles, of the British Bloodstock Agency, outbid Adrian Nicoll, of the Irish BBA, to secure this grey mare for Heron Wood Farm, a new stud in Upperville, Virginia. When the mare foals, the resultant Kris offspring will be sold at Keeneland.

SQUASH RACKETS

England in semi-final clash with Pakistan

From Colin McQuillan
Cairo

England have advanced to a difficult semi-final with Pakistan in the world championships after losing yesterday to New Zealand in the last match of the intermediate pools. With all four top seeds through to the semi-finals already, yesterday's remaining pool matches were about vital positioning today, when each group winner is required to play the opposing runner-up.

Australia drifted happily to 2-1 defeat against Pakistan in the last group B match, several hours before Gawain Briars and Philip Kenyon fell to Ross Norman and Stuart Davenport in the concluding group A match. Davenport beat Kenyon, 9-5, 9-0, 9-0 and Norman beat Briars, 9-3, 2-9, 9-6, 9-2. New Zealand thus avoid playing Pakistan in the semi-finals.

It was said that had Australia beaten Pakistan, New Zealand might have contrived to lose to England because they were nervous about the chances of their top heavy team against a young Pakistan squad led by Jahangir Kahn and underpinned at third string by Sohail Qaisir.

The Australian squad playing here and as hard bitten a bunch of professionals as one could wish to meet. Yet, on yesterday's evidence, they are not without a sense of mischief. Ross Thorne was recently returned court from a five-day virus fever. He crumpled convincingly in his fifth game against Umarhayat Khan. Greg Pollard aimed most of his aggression at the referee, Dick Hawkey, seemingly as an alternative to coming to grips with Jahanghir over three games. Only Glen Brumby played uninhibitedly for victory over Qaisir in the dead rubber.

Dean Williams, the Australian team manager, declared his loss a perfectly satisfactory result. "The other two will have to drive themselves hard tonight to avoid playing a team with a certain winner at forst string", he explained. "We don't care which of them win, so long as they are tired in the semi-finals and we get through to play Pakistan again in the final on Wednesday".

Thorne looked sufficiently tired against Umarhayat to justify the result and said after the match "I was playing for the win". The grin that accompanied the statement was as wide as Sydney Harbour Bridge.

Result: Pakistan beat Australia 2-1: Umar hayat Khan beat R Thorne 9-4, 2-9, 6-9, 9-1, 9-1; Jahangir Khan beat G Pollard 9-2, 9-2, 9-0; Sohail Qaiser lost to G Brumby 6-10, 3-9, 9-10.

ICE HOCKEY

Bidner line of fire hits Dundee

By Robert Pryce

Garry Unger and Todd Bidner have impressive credentials and predecessors to live up to this season. Both players competed at the highest level – the National Hockey League – in North America, and both have taken over from men who made a considerable impact on the Heineken British League. Yet neither has fulfilled the lofty expectations placed upon them.

Uagar, who had not played regularly for two seasons after more than 1,000 NHL games and a number of world championships appearances for Canada, succeeded Roy Halpin, the nearest thing to an idol in the British game, at Dundee Rockets.

Bidner, whose five-year professional career reached its peak with a few games with the Washington Capitols two seasons ago, steps into the left wing spot vacated by Dave Stoyanovich, who in his one season at Fife Flyers broke Halpin's record too become Britain's highest ever scorer.

Last month Fife suffered their worst defeat of the season, 1-5 at Dundee. On Sunday, Dundee suffered their worst defeat season, 12-1 at home to Fife. Bidner's line outscored Unger's line 9-0. Bidner scored four goals, Unger none.

Ice hockey supporters are not noted for the sweetness of their reason, nor the sparkle of their badinage, which is to say that neither player has been spared abuse while adapting to the extraordinary demands – long shifts, extreme provocation and inexperienced refereeing among them – of the British game. Bidner, at least, expects to escape this extra burden this week. "It's good to shut everybody up," he said yesterday with some feeling.

Peter Dunkley, the Whitely Warriors player-coach, has shed some of his duties to Terry Matthews, the former England coach. The difference was visible ("All the younger players seemed to be really playing hard," Dunkley said) in Sunday's 10-8 loss to Murrayfield Racers when Whitely took a 6-5 second-period lead despite the absence of three of their wings, Peter Smith (transferred to Solihull), Attwell and Towns (injured backs).

Deeside Dragons have been expelled from the League after failing to fulfill a first division fixture at Southampton last week.

HEINEKEN LEAGUE: Premier division: Dundee Rockets 1, Fife Flyers 12; Durham Wasps 7, Nottingham Panthers 1; Nottingham Panthers 7, Cleveland Bombers 5; Peterborough Pirates 7, Ayr Bruins 19; Streatham Redskins 7, Ayr Bruins 3; Whitley Warriors 8, Murrayfield Racers 10. First division: Altrincham Aces 8, Sheffield Sabres 5; Crowtree Chiefs 9, Bournemouth Stags 9; Oxford City 8, Telford Tigers 11. First division trophy: Southampton Vikings 4, Richmond Flyers 4.

HOCKEY

Spain denied by penalty miss

Ipoh, Malaysia (Reuter) – India will meet Malaysia in the final today of the six-nation tournament for the Sultan Azlan Shah trophy. Malaysia beat Spain 3-2 after extra time and India defeated Pakistan 1-0 in the other semi-final. Escude missed a penalty for Spain in the dying seconds of normal time; Hardeep Singh struck the vital goal which put India through.

RESULTS: Semi-finals: Malaysia 3, Spain 2 (aet); India 1, Pakistan 0. Fifth place play-off: Australia 3, England 3 (Australia won 5-3 on penalty flicks).

CRICKET

N Zealand hit back after Lawson burst

Perth (Reuter) – Geoff Lawson made a timely return to form yesterday as Australia restricted New Zealand to a 96-run first innings lead on the third day of the third and deciding Test match.

Lawson took four for 79 in New Zealand's total of 299 after the tourists had resumed at an impressive 184 for two and he was well supported by fellow fast bowler Craig McDermott who captured two for 66.

But New Zealand hit back immediately when Australia batted again with Richard Hadlee bowling Rob Kerr for no score and Ewen Chatfield dismissing his fellow-opener Wayne Phillips caught behind for 10. At the close Australia were 38 for two.

New Zealand started the day well placed with Bruce Edgar on 74 and Martin Crowe on 70. But the pair, who had played with such concentration and resolution yesterday, were soon parted. Edgar edged the last ball of the first over from McDermott to David Hookes in the slips without adding to his score after batting for just over six-and-a-half hours.

Only seven runs later McDermott struck again, trapping Crowe leg before for seven in almost five-and-a-half hours at the crease. Their departure provided the inspiration the Australians so badly needed and Lawson and McDermott, ably supported by the accurate leg-spinner Bob Holland, kept the runs down to a trickle.

The 200 was not posted until after 458 minutes and none of the New Zealand middle-order batsmen was able to get on top of the attack. The captain Jeremy Coney failed again, falling to Lawson for 19, Jeff Crowe was out for 17 and the dangerous Hadlee fell for 26 when he lost patience and skied Holland to Hookes at long-on.

New Zealand were eventually dismissed at the tea interval but any Australian jubilation was quickly squashed when New Zealand took the field. Hadlee toook his 28th wicket of the series and put the Test career of Kerr in jeopardy when the Australian opener did not play a shot to the first ball he received from the fast bowler. Chatfield followed up with Phillips' wicket but bungled a simple caught-and-bowled chance from David Boon.

AUSTRALIA: First innings 203 (R. J. Hadlee 5 for 65)

(Second innings)

W. B. Phillips c Smith b Chatfield	10
R. B. Kerr b Hadlee	0
D. C. Boon not out	18
A. R. Border not out	5
Extras (lb-1 nb-4)	5
Total (2 wkts)	38

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-3, 2-28.

BOWLING: (to date) Hadlee, 9-5-8-1; Cairns 11-3-21-0; Chatfield 8-4-8-1.

NEW ZEALAND: (First innings)

B. A. Edgar C Hookes b McDermott	74
J. G. Wright c Phillips b Lawson	20
J. F. Reid b Gilbert	7
M. D. Crowe lbw b McDermott	71
J. V. Coney c Phillips b Lawson	19
J. J. Crowe lbw b Holland	17
R. J. Hadlee c Hookes b Holland	26
I. D. S. Smith c Matthews b Lawson	12
I. G. Bracewell not out	28
B. L. Cairns c Ritchie b Holland	0
E. J. Chatfield c Phillips b Lawson	3
Extras (b-1, lb-7, nb-14)	22
Total	299

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-43, 2-53, 3-84, 4-91, 5-215, 6-253, 7-256, 8-273, 9-276.

BOWLING: Lawson 47-12-79-4; McDermott 38-8-66-2; Gilbert 31-9-75-1; Holland 40-12-63-3; Matthews 5-3-6-0; Hookes 1-0-2-0.

Richards is W Indies' inspiration

PESHAWAR, (Reuter) – West Indies took a 2-1 lead in their one-day cricket series against Pakistan after a 66 by the captain, Viv Richards, helped them to a 40-run victory yesterday.

The touring side scored 201 for five in their allotted 40 overs this morning after Richards, the man of the match, chose to bat on the grassless pitch. Richards scored his runs from 38 balls with the help of four towering sixes and five fours.

When Pakistan batted, Malcolm Marshall and Michael Holding, who was bowling at medium pace, took seven wickets between them to remove the home side for 161

WEST INDIES

D L Haynes c Mohsin Kamal b Imran	60
R B Richardson st Salim Yousuf b Tauseef	27
H A Gomes run out	15
I V A Richards c Mohsin Khan b Imran	66
A L Logie lbw b Imran	0
P J Dujon not out	9
R A Harper not out	0
Extras (b-4, lb-13, w-3, nb-4)	24
Total (5 wkts, 40 overs)	201

Did not bat: M D Marshall, M A Holding, J Garner, C A Walsh.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-70, 2-100, 3-169, 4-170, 5-192.

BOWLING: Imran, 7-0-39-3; Wasim, 8-0-24-0; Tauseef, 8-1-24-1; Mohsin Kamal, 8-0-31-0; Qadir, 6-1-42-0; Mudassar, 5-0-24-0.

PAKISTAN

Mudassar Nazar c and b Holding	19
Mohsin Khan c Harper b Marshall	8
Rameez Raja run out	38
Javed Miandad c Gomes b Holding	2
Imran Khan b Harper	8
Salim Malik b Walsh	7
Abdul Qadir b Marshall	37
Salim Yousuf b Holding	6
Wasim Akram b Holding	9
Mohsin Kamal b Marshall	5
Tauseef Ahmed not out	3
Extras (b-3, lb-9, w-3, nb-4)	19
Total (all out, 39.3 overs)	161

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-5, 2-37, 3-47, 4-65, 5-80, 6-106, 7-138, 8-142, 9-149, 10-.

BOWLING: Marshall, 8-1-36-3; Garner, 8-1-22-0; Walsh, 8-0-36-1; Holding, 7.3-0-17-4; Harper, 8-1-38-1.

Bonus points:

Kapil takes Indians to victory

Adelaide (Reuter) – The Indians beat South Australia by four wickets in a four-day match which ended at the Adelaide Oval yesterday. Set 326 to win, India finished with six for 329 with 12 overs to spare.

The Indian captain, Kepil Dev, hit 88 and Mohammed Azharuddin 77 to insure victory. For South Australia Tim May and Andrew Zesers each took two wickets.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA 135 (C Sharma 4 for 55) and 435 for 8 dec (G A Bishop 53, R Zadow 120, D F O'Connor 58, W M Darling 107).

INDIA, Second innings

K Srikkanth b Zesers	42
S M H Kirmani c O'Connor b Parkinson	7
A Malhotra lbw b Zesers	12
D B Vengsarkar lbw b May	43
M Azharuddin c Kelly b May	77
Kapil Dev run out	88
C Sharma not out	27
M Amarnath not out	24
Extras (b-4, lb-4 w-1)	9
Total (6 wkts)	329

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-47, 2-55, 3-84, 4-131, 5-286, 6-281.

BOWLING: Gladigau, 5.4-0-24-0; Parkinson, 17-1-84-1; Zesers, 27.2-5-80-2; Sleep, 21-2-83-0; May, 18-2-70-2.

Australian win is a struggle

Pretoria (Reuter) – The rebel Australians overcame a lively pitch and some spirited bowling to beat the South African President's XI by five wickets on the final day of their three-day match yesterday. The rebels struggled to reach 91 for five after dismissing the President's XI for 126 in their second innings.

The Australians' fared little better overall. They were dismissed for 186 in their first innings and their laboured victory underlined the importance of Kim Hughes's dogged first innings of 73.

SCORES: PRESIDENT'S XI: 150 and 126 (J MacGuire 5-58). AUSTRALIAN XI: 186 (K Hughes 73) and 91-5.

Ames at 80 surveys a changed game

Leslie Ames, who is 80 today, is indissolubly linked with Kentish cricket history. It is 60 years since he joined the county's staff and he became thereafter perhaps the game's greatest wicketkeeper-batsman.

His service to Kent has been steadfast: not for nothing is his second name Ethelbert, that of a Kentish monarch.

Ames never doubted he would become a cricketer. At the age of two he held a bat in his hands; later he attended grammar school next to the Cheriton ground, Folkestone, and ran grocery errands for his mother in order to meet Jack Hubble, Kent's wicketkeeper. They were invaluable conversations: in time Ames succeeded Hubble in Kent's first team and went into partnership with him in a sports business, Hubble and Ames. It thrives today in the Medway towns.

As with Godfrey Evans, another in Kent's line of illustrious wicketkeepers, Ames was self-taught. He kept initially for fun until Gerry Weighall, the county's coach, told him of the need to become "double-barrelled". There was no room in the game, Weighall said for a lad who could only bat – unless he was a genius like Jack Hobbs.

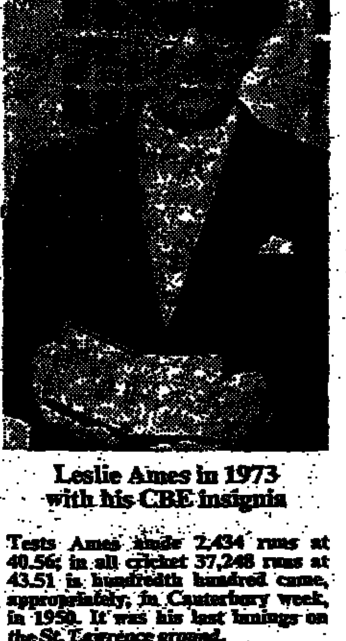
So Ames worked at his wicket-keeping, he enlised Frank Woolley to help him take the leg-spin of "Tich Freeman. "Tich" would bowl 1,500 overs a year - he never broke down," Ames said: "He did not turn the ball as much as Doug Wright, but enough to beat the bat and create stumping chances."

It did not take Ames long to learn to "pick" Freeman. Many of his record tally of 415 stumpings out of 1,113 victims in all were off the leg spinner. Compare that with the modern wicketkeeper: Alan Knott, another from Kent and whom Ames rate as highly as Evans, achieved only a third of Ames's stumping in his career. No figures illustrate better how the game has changed.

"The art of wicketkeeping has gone. It is not difficult to stand back 80 per cent of the time," Ames says. "The great leg spinners used to flight the ball when the batsman first came in and it suited him to go down the wicket".

Ames included himself in that category. He saw himself as an impatient player with hasty shots who scored 50 per cent of his runs by lofting the ball. Yet he scored a hundred hundreds! Three times he achieved the double of 1,000 runs and 100 victims.

Batting have Ames greater pleasure than wicketkeeping, particularly when he was partnered by Woolley. Only they could drive and hook with dignified virilence. In 47



Leslie Ames in 1973 with his CBE insignia

Tests Ames made 2,434 runs at 40.56; in all cricket 37,248 runs at 43.51. His hundredth hundred came, appropriately, in Canterbury week, in 1950. It was his last innings on the St. Lawrence ground.

Above all else, Ames is a modest and loyal man. These qualities stood him in good stead when he became a Test selector, MCC manager, and secretary-manager of Kent. With Colin Cowdrey as captain, he managed MCC on their triumphant tour of West Indies in 1967-68, and led Kent to better things than he had known as a player.

Significantly, after Ames retired in 1974, Kent's man-management deteriorated. Kent dismissed Denness, a captain who had just won two trophies in one season, for reasons that were never explained to their members, and others have left on the wrong note. Ames makes his views felt forcibly to the committee but, out of loyalty to the county that has been his life, stays clear of public utterance.

So tonight Kent honour Ames with a dinner for 120 at the St Lawrence ground, where a stand is named after him. Perhaps the words of Douglas Jardine, when he was introducing England's team in Australia, will again ring true: "He is a great 'keeper and a very fine bat, but at the moment he has nothing more lethal to offer than a blush."

Ivo Tennant

RUGBY LEAGUE

Too many teams spoil the breakfast menu

By Keith Macklin

There were red faces in the breakfast television studio yesterday morning when the draw for the quarter-finals of the John Player Special Trophy was made, for the second ball out of the bag had no right to be there. It was the No 1 ball of Barrow, who had been knocked out on Sunday.

The draw continued, and was completed with the secretary-general of the Rugby League David Oxley, showing the presence of mind not to read out the name of Barrow.

After the draw had scrambled to a conclusion, there was a conference involving the chairman of the League, Joe Seccon, and the representative of John Player, Don Whiting, and another draw was made.

The outstanding game gives St Helens their third home tie in a row, this time against tougher opposition in Hull. Hull Kingston Rovers, the holders, are again fortunate, with another home tie, against York.

Widnes entertain the second division leaders, Leigh, and the televized match on Saturday will be the tough derby game between Warrington and Wigan.

David Oxley said of the abortive initial draw: "The Barrow ball must have got stuck in the lining of the bag from a previous draw. The offending ball was auctioned and raised £500 for the Ian Botham leukaemia appeal."

QUARTER FINAL DRAW: Hull Kingston Rovers v York; Widnes v Leigh; St Helens v Hull; Warrington v Wigan. Ties to be played this weekend.

● Burnley Football Club have been approached by an unnamed consortium to stage Rugby League at Turf Moor. The Burnley chairman, Frank Teasdale, said the consortium's members had asked for confidentiality to be maintained at this stage.

FOR THE RECORD

RUGBY UNION

SCHOOLS RESULTS: Abingdon 11, St. Edward's, Oxford 36; Allhallows 9, Kelly 0; Arnold 13, Merchant Taylors', Crosby 3; Bearwood 3, Old Royals 22; Bedford 3, Haberdashers' 0; Berkhamsted 7, Aylesbury 24; Blundell's 11, Downside 15; Brentwood 3, Bishops Stortford 41; Campion 25, Queen Elizabeth's, Barnet 9; Caterham 13, Eltham 15; Chislehurst & Sidcup GS 19, Dartford GS 0; Christ, Brecon 10, Gowerton 4; Churchers 9, Old Churchenians 4; Culford 15, Framlingham 8; Dauntsey's 16, Douai 3; Dean Close 0, Cheltenham GS 33; Dover Coll 3, Haberdashers' Aske's, Hatcham 4; Duke of York's RMS 34, Bethany 0; Embley Park 37, Old Boys 7; Gresham's 15, St Joseph's, Ipswich 29; Guildford RGS 27, Reigate 0; Haileybury 8, Oundle 19.

Harrow 12, Radley 0; Hurstpierpoint 4, Brighton 9; Ipswich 46, Langley 3; John Fisher 15, St Dunstan's 8; Judd 13, St Mary's, Sidcup 3; King Edward VI, Birmingham 15, Uppingham 10; King Henry VIII, Coventry 14, Babiake 0; King William's, Isle of Man 3, Queen Elizabeth 8; King's Bruton 30, Colston's 11; King's, Canterbury 11, Epsom 6; King's Ely 46, Cambridge Centre VI Form College 0; King's, Grantham 3, Stamford 14; King's Rochester 13, Sutton Valence 0; King's, Taunton 15, Bryanston 4; King's, Worcester 28, Bromsgrove 3; Lancaster RGS 3, St Bees 8; Lord Williams's, Thame 8, Burford 3; Marling 4, Belmont Abbey 18; Merchant Taylors', Northwood 11, Mill Hill 6; Milton Abbey 18, Claysmore 0; Monkton Combe 0, Wellington, Somerset 23.

Norwich 15, Perse 10; Old Swinford Hosp 4, Worcester G.S. 40; Oratory 10, Magdalen CS Oxford 6; Pangbourne 7, Lord Wandsworth 19; QEH Bristol 6, Kingswood 18; Queen's, Taunton 23, Wells Cathedral 4; Ratcliffe 6, Loughborough GS 21; Rochester Math 0, St Olaves' 27; Rudish 0, London Oratory 10; Ryde 27, Old Rydelans 7; Rydal 6, West Park 14; St Anselm's 3, Birkenhead 14; St Benedict's 17, Felsted 10; St George's, Harpenden 11, St Albans 6; St John's, Leatherhead 28, Tiffin 0; St John's, Southsea 6, Chichester HS 18; St Lawrence, Ramsgate 4, Chatham House 26; St Paul's 7, Dulwich 8; Seaford 0, Christ's Hospital 3; Selkirk 8, Pocklington 11; Shebbear 12, West Buckland 20.

Sherborne 10, Cheltenham 9; Skinners 60, Chatham G.S. 7; Solihull 15, Newcastle-under-Lyme 6, Taunton 0, Canford 10; The Leys 7, Bedford Modern 14; Trent 29, Denstone 3; Trinity, Croydon 6, Colfe's 6; UCS 14, K.C.S. Wimbledon 3; Warwick 14, Rugby 0; Watford GS, 0, Vendam 11; Whitgift 3, Eastbourne 3; Wirral GS 26, King's Macclesfield 0; Wrekin 12, Hereford 3; Wymondham 21, Spalding GS 0.

CRICKET

BRISBANE: Sheffield Shield: Western Australia 527; Queensland 225 for five (Henschell 65 not out). Match drawn – rain stopped play.

REAL TENNIS

LORD'S: MCC bt Hatfield House 4-1 (MCC names first): J Ward bt R Hollington 6-4, 6-4; A Beeson bt S Sayer 6-5, 6-0; L Wheatley lost to C Dean 2-6, 6-5, 4-6; S Somervell bt M Simpson 6-4, 6-4; B Sharp bt D Male 6-3, 6-2.

AMERICAN FOOTBALL

UNITED STATES: National Football League: Cincinnati Bengals 45, Houston Oilers 27; Green Bay Packers 21, Tampa Bay Buccaneers 0; New England Patriots 38, Indianapolis Colts 31; New Orleans Saints 29, Los Angeles Rams 3; Cleveland Browns 35, New York Giants 33; Minnesota Vikings 28, Philadelphia Eagles 23; Denver Broncos 31, Pittsburgh Steelers 23; Los Angeles Raiders 34, Atlanta Falcons 24; San Diego Chargers 40, Buffalo Bills 7; Seattle Seahawks 24, Kansas City Chiefs 6; San Francisco 49ers 35, Washington Redskins 8.

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

Eastern Division	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New England	9	4	0	.692	278	281
N.Y. Jets	9	4	0	.692	323	228
Miami	8	4	0	.667	298	245
Indianapolis	3	10	0	.231	245	330
Buffalo	2	11	0	.154	169	296
Central Division	**W**	**L**	**T**	**Pct**	**PF**	**PA**
Cleveland	7	6	0	.538	236	205
Cincinnati	6	7	0	.462	344	352
Pittsburgh	6	7	0	.462	295	249
Houston	5	8	0	.385	233	315
Western Division	**W**	**L**	**T**	**Pct**	**PF**	**PA**
L.A. Raiders	9	4	0	.692	308	285
Denver	9	4	0	.692	325	275
Seattle	7	6	0	.538	291	250
San Diego	6	7	0	.462	358	339
Kansas City	4	9	0	.308	226	302

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

Eastern Division	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Dallas	9	4	0	.692	289	231
N.Y. Giants	8	5	0	.615	315	231
Washington	7	6	0	.538	228	260
Philadelphia	6	7	0	.462	223	238
St. Louis	4	9	0	.308	220	325
Central Division	**W**	**L**	**T**	**Pct**	**PF**	**PA**
*Chicago	12	0	0	1000	359	127
Detroit	7	6	0	.538	261	280
Green Bay	6	7	0	.462	287	281
Minnesota	6	7	0	.462	272	301
Tampa Bay	2	11	0	.154	247	371
Western Division	**W**	**L**	**T**	**Pct**	**PF**	**PA**
L.A. Rams	9	4	0	.692	291	227
San Francisco	8	5	0	.615	329	201
New Orleans	5	8	0	.385	249	326
Atlanta	2	11	0	.154	242	391

*division winners

SNOOKER

SOLIHULL: Dulux British Open: First round: D Gilbert bt P Burke 5-1; G Wilkinson (Aus) bt P Watchorn 5-4; D Sheehan (Ire) bt S Simngam (Thai) 5-2; G Jenkins (Aus) bt B Demarca 5-1; B West bt B Bennett 5-1; A Kearney bt M Smith 5-2; P Houlihan bt G Robinson (Aus) w/o; G Cripsey bt M Darrington 5-4; R Bales bt M Parkin 5-1; T Drago (Malta) bt D Mienie (SA) w/o.

Second round: G Scott bt D Chalmers 5-1; L Dodd bt F Jonik (Can) 5-4; W Jones bt G Rigitano (Can) 5-1; F Davis bt B Kelly 5-4; R Chaperon (Can) bt V Harris 5-0; J Rea bt W King (Aus) 5-1; S Newbury bt B Oliver 5-2; I Black bt M Gibson 5-0; B Harris bt E Sinclair 5-3.

HANDBALL

BRITISH LEAGUE: Liverpool 22, EK 82 14; Kirkby Select 22, Tryst 17; Salford 14, Birkenhead 16; Robert Jenkins 14, Carlsberg MK 80 13.

MIDLAND CUP: Quarter-final: Warwick Jaguars 20, Lutterworth Foxes 11.

MIDLAND LEAGUE: Wakefield 22, Wolves Poly 17; Lutterworth Foxes 12, Stafford Olympic 18.

WOMEN'S NATIONAL LEAGUE: Salford 14, Wakefield Metro 18; Robert Jenkins 17, Halewood Forum 10.

ROAD RUNNING

BARCELONA: Jean Bouin race (9.5km): Spanish unless stated: 1, M McLeod (GB), 28min 2sec; 2, J L Gonzalez, 25:04; 3, A Anton, 25:07; 4, P Arco, 26:08; 5, N Muir (GB), 26-11; 6, B Ford (GB), 28:17.

SAN DIEGO: 10 kilometre race: 1, Z Budd (GB), 33min 15sec; 2, L Nelson (US), 33:29; 3, S Berenda (US), 33:58.

ICE HOCKEY

NORTH AMERICA: National Hockey League: Boston Bruins 4, New Jersey Devils 2; Edmonton Oilers 5, Calgary Flames 3; Winnipeg Jets 2, Philadelphia Flyers 1.

BASKETBALL

UNITED STATES: National Basketball Association: San Antonio Spurs 117, Portland Trail Blazers 106; Los Angeles Lakers 117, Chicago Bulls 113.

FOOTBALL

FOOTBALL COMBINATION: Birmingham 0, Ipswich 1.

SQUASH RACKETS

Lausanne: Open final: A Cumings (GB) bt R Anderson 9-4, 9-3, 9-6.

RUGBY LEAGUE

FIRST DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Widnes	10	7	1	2	204	163	15
Oldham	12	6	3	3	249	212	15
Wigan	11	7	0	4	312	120	14
Hull	10	7	0	3	283	166	14
St Helens	10	7	0	3	241	165	14
Warrington	11	7	0	4	243	169	14
Hull KR	10	7	0	3	215	162	14
Halifax	11	6	2	3	183	147	14
Castleford	10	6	0	4	224	180	12
Leeds	10	2	1	4	165	177	11
Salford	12	5	0	7	198	249	10
York	12	4	0	8	170	248	8
Swinton	12	3	0	9	177	283	6
Dewsbury	12	3	0	9	132	334	6
Feathersm	12	2	1	9	147	300	5
Bradford N	11	2	0	9	165	238	4

IN BRIEF

Elliott signs for Aston Villa after long delay

Paul Elliott has finally joined Aston Villa from Luton Town for £400,000. The England under-21 defender signed a four-and-a-half year contract yesterday after thinking over the move since Thursday.

Graham Turner, the Villa manager, has now spent £1.4 million on players this season, although the team is still in the bottom half of the first division.

SHOW JUMPING: Peter Weinberg, of West Germany, won the Grand Prix in the Dubai horse show yesterday with Leslie McNaught, of Britain, second. Captain Mark Phillips was fourth in Sunday's main event.

SWIMMING: The Yorkshire Bank England swimming squad for the winter season of the European meets has been announced.

SQUAD: Men: J Broughton, M Burwell, A Moorhouse, A Pearce (all City of Leeds), P Stake (Torquay Leander), K Boyd (Borough of South Tyneside), N Gillingham (City of Birmingham), P Howe, M Foster (both Millfield), R Lee (City of Cardiff), M Poulter (Bath Dolphins), S Poulter (Wigan Wasps), D Rolley (University of Swansea), P Shackley (York City), D Stacey (City of Swansea), G Stewart (Harrow and Wealdstone). Women: H Bewley, C Foot (both Millfield), J Archer (City of Leeds), S Hardcastle (Southend Synchro), K Mellor (Norwich Penguins), K Read, G Stanley (Stockport Metro), H Statter (Kelly College).

GOLF: Sandy Stephen, a member of the Great Britain and Ireland Walker Cup team earlier this year has turned professional.

HOCKEY: The East women's squad for the 1985-86 season includes four new caps, Chris Fisher (Huntingdonshire), Ann Gallagher (Suffolk), Sue Phillips (Cambridgeshire) and Carrie Stalley (Huntingdonshire).

SQUAD: J Cook (Suffolk), H Bastian (Essex), L Bollington (Essex), V Dixon (Cambridgeshire), C Fisher (Huntingdonshire), C Frye (Essex), A Gallagher (Suffolk) C Liddell (Essex, S Lister (capt, Essex), J Newton (Norfolk) S Phillips (Cambridgeshire) C Stalley (Huntingdonshire) T Wilce (Suffolk).

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FOOTBALL: FERGUSON CONFIDENT OF SECURING THE LAST PLACE IN MEXICO

A World Cup passage awaits the Scots at their home-from-home

Alex Ferguson, the Scotland manager, goes into tomorrow's World Cup play-off match with Australia in Melbourne confident that his team will secure the last of the 24 places available for the Mexico finals.

Scotland teams have frequently failed to live up to their potential and Ferguson admitted: "It is the one thing which has plagued the national side in the past but this time we have every advantage. No other team could travel 12,000 miles and find around 20,000 of their fans waiting to support them. The weather, the pitch, and the spirit within the squad are all ideal."

Scotland lead 2-0 from the first leg but Frank Arok, the Australia manager, says he will not pursue a committed attacking policy. "It would be suicidal and silly to go all out against Scotland," he said, aware that another goal conceded would end their chances of qualifying.

"We will have to pressurize them a bit but we cannot afford to be too anxious. Scotland have weaknesses but they will only be exposed if we are good enough".

Graeme Souness, the Scotland captain, is expected to arrive from Italy this morning after playing for his club, Sampdoria on Sunday. But Maurice Johnston, the Celtic forward, has been laid low by a bout of influenza. He has been isolated from the other players leaving Ferguson to admit that he was still hesitant who to choose for his forward partnership. David Speedie, of Chelsea, and Frank McAvennie, of West Ham, seems the most likely combination.

Meanwhile Davie Cooper, whose two goals from set pieces, against Wales and Australia, have been crucial to Scotland reaching the doorstep of Mexico, goes into the game as the one member of the team having recent knowledge of Australian conditions. He was a member of the Rangers team which toured Australia last summer and said: "Any talk about the heat and conditions upsetting us is just nonsense.

Torrential rain yesterday helped to soften the pitch and Arok added: "It seems far too much like the Scottish climate for my liking". To add to his cares, five players – Kosmina, Mitchell, Watson, Patikes and Crino – are undergoing treatment for injuries.

● All European countries have refused to pay the price demanded by the Mexican organizing committee for commentary positions at the draw on December 15 of the World Cup finals.

The Mexicans were asking for a total of $2,400 per position. Most European countries will now take Mexican transmission without commentary. The Bureau of the European Broadcasting Union meets in Madrid today to discuss, among other things, the $3,000 being demanded for every commentary position for every match in the finals next summer.

Jennings's deeds lift Dagenham

By Paul Newman

If Dagenham appear to face a difficult task in their FA Cup second-round tie away to Bournemouth on Saturday, they can take heart from the example of their manager. Tony Jennings, who took control of the Gola League side less than two months ago, knows more than most how form, status and reputation can count for nothing in cup football.

Jennings retired three years ago after a long and distinguished playing career in which he earned a reputation as one of non-League football's most accomplished defenders. He was a member of the highly successful Hendon team of the early 1970s and in 1974 played in the famous 1-1 draw at Newcastle United in the third round of the Cup.

Hendon were regarded as the most skilful non-League team of their era and Jennings went on to spend nine years at Enfield, their successors to that reputation. He was at the peak of his career as he helped Enfield knock out five League clubs in the Cup between 1977 and 1981, although his most treasured memory is a defeat.

FA CUP

Having earned a 1-1 draw at Barnsley in the fourth round in 1981, Enfield attracted a remarkable crowd of more than 35,000 to White Hart Lane for the replay, which they lost 3-0.

Jennings joined Dagenham as a coach in February this year and stepped into his first managerial post when Ken Knighton resigned. He has made a solid if unspectacular start. Dagenham have lost only one of their last nine games and in the first round of the Cup knocked out Cambridge United of the fourth division.

As a former student of the Hendon and Enfield schools of football, it is no surprise that he is trying to adapt Dagenham to a similar style. The task is helped by the presence of four former Enfield players, Jacobs, Cox, Taylor and Baxter.

"Dagenham have traditionally been associated with a fairly simple, long-ball game with an attack built around a big centre forward," he said. "We're now playing a more controlled, shorter game. It's a more fluent style and I believe we're becoming a better side to watch."

Jennings watched Bournemouth, Dagenham's opponents on Saturday, when they beat Dartford in a first-round replay two weeks ago. "I was very impressed by them," he said. "They played very fluently and if they play as well against us we'll be in for a very difficult time. But when I was at Hendon and Enfield we proved that anything is possible in a cup-tie when the adrenalin is really flowing. If I can get the team in the right frame of mind we might just surprise a few people."

Former players took money and ran

WORLD FOOTBALL

Brian Glanville

The president of Roma, Dino Viola, has admitted that money changed hands in the alleged bribery attempt before the second leg of the European Cup semi-final in 1984, when Roma were attempting to overcome a 2–0 deficit against Dundee United. He handed over 100 million lire, then about £45,000, to two former Italian professional players, who claimed they would influence M Vautrot, the French referee in charge of the tie, but he says he only did so to uncover the notorious "Mr Fix It" who presided over such chicanery.

The Italian FA and the public prosecutor are investigating the allegations, but it seems that M Vautrot, a man of unblemished honesty, was not even approached by the two would-be corrupters; they simply disappeared with the money, which is why the State has intervened. Viola is legally the injured party.

Sunday was a day of joy for two Italian international centre forwards of great fame and vast wealth: Paolo Rossi and Bruno Giordano. Rossi, who joined AC Milan this season, was written off by many critics only a week earlier after a wretched display against Roma in the Olympic Stadium. Back in the Milan side after a long absence through injury, and with few goals to his name, he blossomed in the Milanese derby against Internazionale. He scored both goals in the 2–2 draw, and had a splendid game. Liam Brady scored a penalty for Inter.

Giordano joined Naples after spending the whole of his career with Lazio. Like Rossi, he had been suspended for two years for his alleged part in the notorious fixed odds betting scandal. With Naples, he had showed waning form, a lack of his old eagerness to get into the danger zone and a significant tendency to drop deep.

The supporters had not spared him. But in Bari, after the home team had gone ahead in the second minute against a Naples team lacking the suspended Maradona, Giordano scored twice to win the game. Now Cowans and Rideout's Bari are in deep water.

Real Madrid, thrashed last Wednesday 5-1 by Borussia Mönchengladbach in the UEFA Cup, which they hold, themselves scored five on Sunday, at home to Las Palmas; Terry Venables' Barcelona stayed hard on their heels by also scoring five, at San Sebastian against Real Sociedad, the team managed by John Toshack.

Paris Saint-Germain, seeking a French league record of games without defeat in their 22nd championship game, drew 0-0. The French League have yet to decide whether to let the 1-1 result of their game at Lille stand; the game was abandoned after 84 minutes when the floodlights failed. If it does stand, then the record is Paris St Germain's.

In West Germany, where the blond Uwe Rahn's stupendous finishing for Mönchengladbach against Real must give renewed hope to Franz Beckenbauer for his West German World Cup team, Werder Bremen's hopes of the title took a knock with the loss of their chief bombardier, Rudi Völler. A fearful kick on the thigh by Bayern Munich's Augenthaler, in the recent game won 3-1 by Bayern, may keep Völler out for seven weeks.

Without Völler and several other first team players, Werder Bremen stayed top of the league with a splendid 6-0 win over VfB Stuttgart.

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OVERSEAS LEAGUE RESULTS

ARGENTINIAN: Deportivo Espanol 3, Velez Sarsfield 0; Boca Juniors 0, Newell's Old Boys 0; Ferro Carril Oeste 7, Racing (Cordoba) 1; Platense 1, Talleres (Cordoba) 0; Temperley 1, Chacarita Juniors 1; Instituto (Cordoba) 0, River Plate 0; Huracan 1, Independiente 2; Union 1, Argentinos Juniors 0; Estudiantes de la Plata 0; San Lorenzo de Almagro 1.

AUSTRIAN: Admira Wacker 3, Sturm Graz 0; Austria Klagenfurt 2, Austria Vienna 0; Rapid 4, SAK 0; Innsbruck 5, DSV Alpine 1; LASK 5, SC Eisenstadt 0; GAK 1, VOEST Linz 0. Leading positions: 1, Austria Vienna 35pts; 2, Rapid 33; 3, GAK 21.

BELGIAN: Lierse 1, Seraing 1; Beerschot 0, Club Brugge 2; Charleroi 2, Anderlecht 6; Ghent 2, Waterschei 0; Kortrijk 2, Waregem 1; FC Liege 3, Lokeren 2; Molenbeek 0, Standard Liege 0; Cercle Brugge 0, Antwerp 1; Beveren 2, Mechelen 0. Leading positions: 1, Club Brugge 28pts; 2, Anderlecht 23; 3, Ghent 21.

BULGARIAN: Beroe 1, Vitosha 0; Sredets 3, Lokomotiv Plovdiv 0; Trakia 4, Chemo More 1; Spartak Pleven 2, Slavia Sofia 1; Vratsa 2, Sliven 0; Etur 2, Pirin 0; Spartak Varna 2, Akademik 0; Lokomotiv Sofia 3, Dounav 1. Leading positions: 1, Beroe 18pts; 2, Trakia 18; 3, Sredets 10.

CZECHOSLOVAK: Spartak Trnava 1, Bohemians Prague 0; Zvl Zilina 1, TJ Vitkovice 1; Sigma Olomouc 1; Dukla Prague 1; Dunajska Streda 2, Tatran Presov 0; Dynamo Budejovice 3, Lokomotiva Kosice 2; Banik Ostrava 2, Inter Bratislava 0; Slavia Prague 1, Dukla Banska Bystrica 0. Leading positions: 1, TJ Vitkovice 20pts; 2, Slavia Prague 19; Sparta Prague 18.

DUTCH: Heracles Almelo 2, Nec Nijmegen 2; VVV Venlo 2, Roda JC Kerkrade 1; Groningen 3, GA Eagles Deventer 1; PSV Eindhoven 5, Feyenoord Rotterdam 0; MVV Maastricht 0, Haarlem 2; Excelsior Rotterdam 1, Den Bosch 1; Sparta Rotterdam 2, Fortuna Sittard 2; Twente Enschede 1, Ajax Amsterdam 3. Leading positions: 1, PSV Eindhoven 29pts; 2, Feyenoord Rotterdam 24; 3, Ajax Amsterdam 22.

EAST GERMAN: Karl Mark Stadt 0, Magdeburg 2; Hansa Rostock 1, Wismut Aue 0; Lok Leipzig 2, Union Berlin 1; Dynamo Dresden 2, Stahl Riesa 1; Dynamo Berlin 1, Carl Zeiss Jena 1; Stahl Brandenburg 1, Vorwaerts Frankfurt 1; Rot-Weiss 3, Sachsenring Zwickau 0. Leading positions: 1, Dynamo Berlin 18pts; 2, Dynamo Dresden 17; 3, Carl Zeiss Jena 15.

FRENCH: Friday: Bordeaux 0, Paris Saint-Germain 0; Laval 2, Nancy 0; Le Havre 1, Sochaux 1; Lille 2, Strasbourg 0; Marseilles 3, Brest 0; Monaco 1, Rennes 0; Toulouse 1, Lens 1. Saturday: Metz 0, Toulon 2; Bastia 2, Nantes 3; Auxerre 1, Nice 2. Leading positions: 1, Paris S-G 38pts; Nantes 31; Bordeaux 30.

GREEK: OFI 4, Panathinaikos 3; Panserraikos 0, Larisa 0; Apollon Kalamarias 0, Aris 0; Panachaiki 4, Doxa 3; Apollon Athens 0, AEK 3; Iraklis 2, Yannina 1; Olympiakos 2, PAOK 0; Ethnikos 3, Panionios 2. Leading positions: 1, Panathinaikos 18pts; 2, Panionios 15; 3, Larisa 15.

ITALIAN: Avellino 1, Atalanta 0; Bari 1, Napoli 2; Como 1, Torino 1; Juventus 1, Fiorentina 0; Milan 2, Internazionale 2; Pisa 3, Lecce 0; Sampdoria 1, Roma 0; Udinese 5, Verona 1. Leading positions: 1, Juventus 21pts; 2, Napoli 16; 3, Internazionale 15.

PORTUGUESE: Academica 0, Benfica 1; Chaves 1, Penafiel 0; Aves 0, Portimonense 0; Belenenses 3, Covilha 0; Braga 0, Salgueiros 1; Sporting 1, Setubal 0; Porto 4, Maritimo 2; Boavista 3, Guimaraes 2. Leading positions: 1, Porto 20pts; 2, Benfica 19; 3, Sporting 19.

ROMANIAN: Corvinul Hunedoara 5, Petrolul Ploiesti 0; SC Bacau 0, Steaua Bucharest 2; Rapid Bucharest 1, Chimia Rm Valcea 0; Universitatea Cluj Napoca 2, FC Olt 0; Gloria Buzau 1, Dinamo Bucharest 3; Politehnica Timisoara 3, ASA TG Mures 0; Universitatea Craiova 1, FC Bihor Oradea 0; Sportul Studentesc Bucharest 0, Arges Pitesti 0; Brasov 1, Victoria Bucharest 0. Leading positions: 1, Steaua Bucharest 29pts; 2, Sportul Studentesc Bucharest 23; 3, Dinamo Bucharest 21.

SPANISH: Real Madrid 5, Las Palmas 1; Celta 3, Real Valladolid 2; Sporting 2, Cadiz 2; Real Sociedad 1, Barcelona 5; Real Betis 1, Hercules 0; Valencia 0, Sevilla 1; Espanol 1, Athletic Bilbao 0; Racing 1, Osasuna 0; Real Zaragoza 0, Atletico Madrid 0. Leading positions: 1, Real Madrid 21 pts; 2, Barcelona 20; Sporting 19.

WEST GERMAN: Borussia Mönchengladbach 4, Bayern Munich 2; Kaiserslautern 1, Saarbrucken 1; Borussia Dortmund 2, Hanover 0; Bayer Leverkusen 2, Schalke 0; Fortuna Düsseldorf 1, Bayer Uerdingen 1. Friday: Werder Bremen 6, Stuttgart 0. Postponed (weather): Eintracht Frankfurt v Hamburg; Bochum v Cologne; Waldhof Mannheim v Nuremberg. Leading positions: 1, Werder Bremen 25 pts; 2, Borussia Mönchengladbach 22; Bayern Munich 22.

YUGOSLAV: Hajduk Split 2, Buducnost Titograd 0; Sutjeska Niksic 2, Vardar 0; Pristina 2, Red Star Belgrade 1; Sarajevo 3, OFK Belgrade 0; Osijek 3, Velez Mostar 2, Sloboda Tuzla 0; Zeleznicar Sarajevo 3; Vojvodina Novi Sad 0, Rijeka 0; Celik Zenica 3, Dinamo Vincovci 1; Partizan Belgrade 3, Dinamo Zagreb 2. Leading positions: 1, Partizan 25 pts; Red Star 23; Velez 21.

Greek pull-out over cash

Athens (Reuter) – Greece's first division clubs decided yesterday to pull out of this year's league championship after a row with the government over money. Club representatives said they voted to stop playing league games as from December 15 because the government refused to guarantee them 10 per cent of the state's annual football pool takings of 16bn drachmas (about £70m).

FIXTURES AND FORECASTS

Paul Newman

Saturday December 7 unless stated

FIRST DIVISION
2 Birmingham v Watford
1 Leicester v Man C
1 Liverpool v Aston Villa
1 Luton v Newcastle
1 Man U v Ipswich
2 QPR v West Ham
1 Sheffield W v Notm F
1 Sthampton v Arsenal
1 Tottenham v Oxford
2 WBA v Everton
Not on coupons: Coventry v Chelsea

SECOND DIVISION
1 Brighton v Barnsley
X Carlisle v Millwall
X Charlton v Sheffield U
1 Fulham v Bradford C
2 Huddersfield v Grimsby
1 Hull v C Palace
1 Norwich v Blackburn
1 Shrewsbury v Oldham
1 Stoke v Middlesbro
X Sunderland v Portsmth
1 Wimbledon v Leeds

FA CUP SECOND ROUND
1 Notts C v Wrexham
1 Reading v Hereford
1 Rotherham v Burnley
X Scunthorpe v Rochdale
2 Swansea v Bristol R
1 Wycombe v Chelmsford
Not on coupons: Blackpool v Altrincham; Bournemouth v Dagenham; Bristol City v Exeter; Derby v Telford; Gillingham v Bognor Regis; Hartlepool v Frickley; Newport v Torquay; Orient v Slough; Peterborough v Bath; Plymouth v Maidstone; Port Vale v Walsall (Sunday); Runcorn v Wigan; Tranmere v Bury; York v Whitby.

THIRD DIVISION
Not on coupons: Darlington v Doncaster (Sunday)

FOURTH DIVISION
Not on coupons: Aldershot v Chester; Cambridge v Stockport (Friday); Southend v Northampton (Friday)

GOLA LEAGUE
1 Cheltenham v Barrow
1 Stafford v Scarboro

MULTIPART LEAGUE
2 Chorley v Hyde
1 Gateshead v Bangor
2 Goole v Rhyl
1 Macclesfld v Gainsboro
X Matlock v Dewsbry
1 Mossley v Caernarfon
1 S Liverpool v Buxton
1 Witton v Horwich
1 Worksop v Workington

SOUTHERN PREMIER
2 Dudley v Welling
X Fisher v Bedworth
2 Gravesend v Crawley
X Witney v Folkestone

SCOTTISH PREMIER
X Dundee v Hearts
1 Rangers v Motherwell

SCOTTISH FIRST
1 Ayr v Morton
1 Brechin v Alloa
1 Clyde v Airdrie
X East Fife v Dumbarton
X Falkirk v Kilmarnock
1 Forfar v Partick
1 Hamilton v Montrose

SCOTTISH CUP FIRST ROUND
X Berwick v Cowdenbth
1 Dunfermline v Raith
1 Meadowbank v E Stirling
X St Johnstn v Q of South
Not on coupons: Albion v Gala; Queen's Park v Buckie.

TREBLE CHANCE (home teams): Carlisle, Charlton, Sunderland, Scunthorpe, Matlock, Fisher, Witney, Dundee, East Fife, Falkirk, Berwick, St Johnstone.

BEST DRAWS: Charlton, Scunthorpe, Dundee, Falkirk, Berwick.

AWAYS: Watford, West Ham, Everton, Bristol Rovers, Welling.

HOMES: Liverpool, Manchester United, Stoke, Notts County, Reading, Cheltenham, Macclesfield, Witton, Rangers, Hamilton, Dunfermline, Meadowbank.

FIXED ODDS: Homes: Bristol City, Notts County, Plymouth, York, Dunfermline. Aways: Watford, Everton, Telford. Draws: Charlton, Dundee, Falkirk.

St Mirren join live television rebels

Scotland's "Rebel" clubs gained another recruit yesterday when St Mirren became the eight club to oppose. The live television deal agreed between the broadcasting companies and the Scottish League.

On Saturday Dundee United joined the group of six who has originally voiced their objections to the contract. Now Dundee and Clydebank are the only premier division clubs out side the group.

Following a meeting of St Mirren directors yesterday, Alan Marshall, the club secretary said they now recognized that the points at issue between the league and the premier league clubs had developed beyond simply the question of the television contract.

He continued: "Contact has been made with a representative of the seven premier league clubs who are understood to be engaged in discussions concerning the improvement of the present structure of Scottish league football to indicate that St Mirren supports them in those aims and wish to be involved in their further discussions."

This will impose further pressure on Dundee to come into line with the other eight, even though their chairman, Ian Gellatley, is also the president of the Scottish Football League.

Gellatley, at present with Scotland in Australia, may find that his first job when he returns on Friday is to arrange a Scottish League management committee meeting.

The league have asked all 38 of their clubs to confirm by Thursday that they accept the ruling which forces them into allowing television cameras into their grounds – and have told them that if they do not they can be punished.

New threat to future of Swansea

Swansea city have been told by the High Court to come up with a rescue package within 14 days or face closure.

A compulsory winding up petition brought by the Inland Revenue, who are owed £102,000 in back taxes, was adjourned for a fortnight, but Mr Justice Hoffman warned the third division club: "I will be most unlikely to consent to a further adjournment if that is opposed by the Inland Revenue."

The deadline is a blow to Swansea, who had sought a 28-day delay to enable the businessman Michael Anderson to formulate his takeover plan.

After the hour-long hearing Swansea commercial manager, David Savage, said: "It's touch and go whether we survive. The 14-day adjournment gives us a problem. I rate our chances of survival at only 20 per cent at the most, whereas if we had been given 28 days I reckon we would have an 85 per cent chance of winning through."

Savage and other club officials then hurried away for another meeting with Anderson, who heads a group of would-be purchasers seeking control of the 85-year-old club, whose debts are estimated to be around £800,000.

Anderson's proposals so far include a payment of around £80,000 to creditors within the next month, with the balance met within six months. But Kevin Garnett, for the Revenue, said they were looking for payment in full and opposed the 28-day delay.

Portsmouth's chance to extend lead

Portsmouth's second division match at Bradford City, postponed on Saturday because of snow, has been rearranged for tonight. Alan Ball, the Portsmouth manager, was anxious to get the match played as soon as possible after Charlton and Sheffield United had reduced his club's lead at the top of the table to one point.

But Portsmouth supporters will still be barred from attending the game at Bradford's Odsall Rugby League stadium because there are no facilities to segregate rival fans. Portsmouth will take the same 13 players north. They include the Danish international forward, Tommy Christensen, who is on a month's trial at Fratton Park.

Tony Galvin, the Tottenham Hotspur winger, misses tonight's Super Cup tie against Liverpool at Anfield. Galvin still has the hamstring injury which forced him out of Saturday's match at Aston Villa, but the Tottenham manager, Peter Shreeve, hopes to have him back for Saturday's home game with Oxford.

PFA oppose changes

The Professional Footballers' Association decided unanimously yesterday in Manchester to oppose any restructurig of the Football League.

FA Trophy draw

FIRST ROUND: Kidderminster Harriers v Boston United; Rhyl v Leek; Hyde v Corby; Ryhope Community Association v Altrincham; Northwich Victoria v North Shields or Workington; Scarborough v Barrow or Mossley; Bishop Auckland v Blyth Spartans; Bedworth or Alfreton v Frickley; Stafford v Nuneaton; Runcorn v Marine; Bangor v Radcliffe or Willenhall; Bromsgrove v Shepshed Charterhouse; King's Lynn v Macclesfield; Telford v Southport; Morecambe or Gretna v Burton or Grantham; Whitley Bay or South Bank v Whitby; Cheltenham v Fisher; Dulwich Hamlet v Windsor and Eton; Slough v Tilbury; Sutton United v Kettering; Maidstone v Weymouth; Chelmsford v Bath; Bishop's Stortford v Wokingham; Epsom or Grays v Uxbridge; Crawley v Worcester; Enfield v Waterlooville; Worthing v Merthyr Tydfil or Salisbury; Dagenham v Sheppey; Saltash v Dartford; Barnet v Wycombe; Wealdstone v Welling; Bridgend or Taunton v Harrow (Matches to be played on December 21).

SECOND ROUND: Hyde or Corby v Kidderminster or Boston Utd; Rhyl or Leek v Kings Lynn or Macclesfield; Ryhope CA or Altrincham v Bangor or Radcliffe or Willenhall; Bishops Stortford or Wokingham v Northwich Victoria or North Shields or Workington; Scarborough or Barrow or Mossley v Telford or Southport; Stafford Rangers or Nuneaton v Bishop Auckland or Blyth Spartans; Wealdstone or Welling v Bedworth or Alfreton or Frickley; Dulwich Hamlet or Windsor and Eton v Runcorn or Marine; Morecambe or Gretna or Burton or Grantham v Bromsgrove or Shepshed; Saltash or Dartford v Whitley Bay or South Bank or Whitby; Dagenham or Sheppey v Cheltenham or Fisher; Slough or Tilbury v Sutton Utd or Kettering; Enfield or Waterlooville v Maidstone or Weymouth; Epsom or Grays or Uxbridge v Chelmsford or Bath; Crawley or Worcester v Barnet or Wycombe Wanderers; Worthing or Merthyr Tydfil or Salisbury v Bridgend or Taunton or Harrow Borough. (Matches to be played on January 18).

● *Second round draw was made early because FA offices are closed over Christmas.*

Everton reject switch in Coventry game

Everton were angry yesterday over suggestions by a senior Midlands police officer that there could be trouble when their supporters visit Coventry on December 21.

Chief Supt David Stokes, head of Coventry police, wanted the match switched 24 hours earlier or later and when Everton refused he said: "My responsibility is to make sure people coming into the city for Christmas shopping can do so without fear of trouble."

Everton's secretary, Jim Greenwood, said: "Our supporters have been a credit to the club. Their reputation was enhanced in Europe last season and only recently we had a letter from the Chelsea police chief praising them for their conduct. I see no reason to fear trouble in Coventry."

The Everton manager, Howard Kendall, rejected the request to switch. Chief Supt Stokes added: "I am concerned at their attitude. There is a need for a greater sense of responsibility and co-operation."

TENNIS

Changing face: Leconte yesterday, when he let McEnroe off the hook

McEnroe escapes a burial

From Richard Evans, Melbourne

In one of the more extraordinary matches of his career, John McEnroe recovered from two sets to one and five points to one down in the fourth-set tie-break to reach the quarter-finals of the Australian Open championships with a 5-7, 7-6, 3-6, 7-6, 6-1 victory over the French left-hander, Henri Leconte, yesterday.

McEnroe had marked out his grave on court one at Kooyong and, at one stage, seemed to be awaiting his fate with a strange resignation. But Leconte, who would not get the part of the gravedigger in anybody's *Hamlet*, dropped the shovel and allowed the troubled prince to live at least until act five of these fascinating championships.

After all the complaints about the state of the grass inside the stadium, McEnroe had willingly agreed to play on an outside court, thus creating an amazing scene as spectators strained in an effort to follow the drama. The grass bank on one side of the court was a mass of bodies and members seemed in danger of falling off the clubhouse balcony for the entire three hours and 20 minutes of the match.

Leconte felt he had lost it when he failed to convert any of the five set points that would have given him a two sets to love lead. They came in the tenth and twelfth games of the second set and although McEnroe came up with a few big first services, most of the chances were squandered by Leconte's tendency to hit the fence.

But it was at the end of the fourth set, following a period of dazzling stroke-play from the Frenchman, that McEnroe was given his biggest reprieve. A stunning backhand pass down the line gave Leconte a 5-1 lead in the tie-break and then, after a good McEnroe service, the score stood at 5-2, with Leconte needing to win two service points for the match.

Taking the pace off his first service to make sure he got it in, Leconte was a fraction late on the backhand volley and it flew long. On the next point it was another backhand volley, this time dumped into the bottom of the net, that left Leconte holding his head in despair. McEnroe, needing no further invitation, rattled off the next three points to level the match.

Leconte began to tire in the fifth set and McEnroe, swapping rackets, rediscovered his service rhythm. Finally, the No 2 seed was in control but it had een a close-run thing, certainly as close as his fifth-set escape against Shlomo Glickstein in the first round of this year's United States Open.

Afterwards, McEnroe insisted it had been the problem of trying to concentrate over five sets that created the lackadaisical air which marked his strange attitude in the early stages of the match. Only later did he snap back at someone in the crowd and argue with a linesman. But he refused to accept that he needs these outbursts to pump his adrenalin.

Slobodan Zivojinovic beat Tim Mayotte, 2-6, 6-4, 6-4, 6-4. He plays McEnroe next. The start of the day's play was delayed by rain.

Men's singles
FOURTH ROUND: J Kriek (US) bt J Lapidus (US) 6-3, 6-4, 6-3; J McEnroe (US) bt H Leconte (Fr) 5-7, 7-6, 3-6, 7-6, 6-1; S Zivojinovic (Yug) bt T Mayotte (US) 2-6, 6-4, 6-4, 6-4.

Men's doubles
SECOND ROUND: P Annacone (US) and C van Rensburg (SA) bt C Dowdeswell and J Lloyd (GB) 7-5, 6-1.

Women's doubles
SECOND ROUND: B Potter and S Walsh-Pete (US) bt A Croft (GB) and L Bonder (US) 6-3, 6-4; Z Garrison (US) and V Wade (GB) bt R White (US) and G Fernandez (P Rico) 7-6, 4-6, 7-5; A Hobbs and J Durie (GB) bt R Fairbank (SA) and C Reynolds (US) 6-1, 6-3.

New Lloyd creation

By Rex Bellamy, Tennis Correspondent

David Lloyd is the antithesis of a friend who confesses that he never puts off until tomorrow anything he can put off the day after. Lloyd makes things happen. Nor does he hang about. He is one of the "now" people. In his mental office there is no pending tray: just a "now" tray and a "panic" tray.

As recently as 1980 Lloyd was throwing himself about the court in a Davis Cup doubles. Even in those days he created turbulence off court, too. Two years later, having gathered around him a few chums with business expertise, Lloyd opened a luxurious indoor tennis club at Hounslow. Yesterday he opened another, at Sutton. Two more are in the pipeline: and Lloyd's pipeline is more likely to burst than rust.

Britain's former David Cup captain, Headley Baxter, is chairman of the company who own and manage both clubs. Since June another former Davis Cup captain (New Zealand's), John McDonald, has been looking after promotion and marketing – in short, drumming up business. McDonald is good at that. He can pound away in the rhythm section and would be equally effective, one suspects, if challenged to market bikinis, in Sutherland.

Lloyd, Baxter and McDonald all said their pieces yesterday, when the new club in Hannibal Way (off Stafford Road) was formally opened by the local MP and former sports minister, Neil Macfarlane, after a piper had commanded the assembly's attention. Cliff Richard, representing another branch of show business, turned up to hit a few balls. On stage, Richard has to hop about a lot. He finds that tennis keeps his muscles ready.

They served champagne, then we toured the premises. The Sutton emporium is a revised version of that at Hounslow. The sporting emphasis has slightly shifted, while retaining the emphasis ontennis with 11 indoor courts, nine outdoors, and three indoor mini-courts, for mini-players. The big thing at Sutton is that a 13-table snooker club has been incorporated for the benefit of those who, though they may no longer be able to hit and run, can still bend and push.

There is also an indoor swimming pool, a gymnasium equipped with machinery for making muscles do things they do not particularly want to do, a studio for dancing and aerobics, and what may collectively be described as rehabilitation facilities – saunas, a massage room, restaurant and bar. Coming attractions include a jogging track and an outdoor swimming pool.

The Sutton club, like that at Hounslow, is unashamedly up market. This seems to be the way ahead for British indoor tennis. If you want plushy, modern facilities, you have to pay for them. But Lloyd made a welcome point yesterday. Hinting that the young were not always encouraged at British tennis clubs, he promised that at Sutton there would be no restrictions as long as the youngsters behaved themselves.

Lloyd, aged 37, is just getting into his stride as an entrepreneur, a dream-maker, and he is looking around the island. You ain't seen nothin' yet.

Juniors first for drug tests

Drug testing will become a regular feature on the British tennis scene next season. Plans have already been made for random tests – and they will probably be introduced at Wimbledon national junior hard court championships in April.

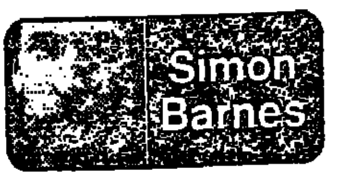
The LTA decision, to be confirmed at the annual general meeting later this week, follows the lead set by the men's professional council who begin testing at some of the world's major tournaments next year.

John James, secretary of the LTA, said: "We are beginning random drug testing in line with the Sports Council's recommendations. The tests will begin in the spring, perhaps at the junior hard court championships at Wimbledon and initially will be restricted to tournaments confined to British players."

Paul Hutchins, Britain's international team manager, commented: "Tennis is now an olympic sport so our tests will be similar to the olympic one."

SNOOKER

How defeat came to Thorne out of the blue



Simon Barnes

I wonder how many shotsre played in 30 frames of snooker. One hundred shots a frame, perhaps? That makes 3,000 in all. An awful lot of snooker. Yet on Sunday night, the Coral UK professional championship was decided by jst one shot – a shot which made reputations and perhaps affected results for the rest of the season.

Willit Thorne, the No. 11 seed and 40-1 outsider, was cruising to victory over the glacial champion Steve Davis – Davis was being frozen out. Thorne strolled around the table casually potting balls, and set himself up for a clearance break that would have made the score 14-8 with two more frames needed for the championship. Pot the green, tumty-tum, put the brown, here we go, position on the blue, pot the blue, now for the pink – but . . . the blue had stayed out. Davis, straining every sinew to look cool, walked to the table, cleaned up, went on to take five frames off the reel, and won 16–14. In other words, Thorne took only one frame after the howler on the blue.

In the post-match interview session, no matter what the sport, reporters get used to hearing about two separate matches. One manager says we wuz magic, the second no, *we* wuz magic but the trouble wuz we wuz robbed. So it goes. But on Sunday night, it was not like that.

"The game turned on the blue I missed." Thorne said. "I would have won 16–8 if I had not made that mistake. I outplayed him and lost." "The sloppy miss on the blue let me back in," said Davis, who had not heard Thorne speak. He added: "I would have been beaten 16–8 if he had potted it."

The blue cast a mystical, or if you prefer psychological shadow over the rest of the game. "The miss changed the run of the ball," Thorne said. before the failure on the blue, Thorne's occasional misses had trundled serenely to safety. Not they let Davis in to build breaks. Before, the diamond-hard competitive mind of Davis had looked like paste as his errors built up. It seemed crystal clear that the psychological hammering he had taken in that world championship final against Dennis Taylor last spring had made him far less of a player than he had been. "Willie played well," Davis said. "In fact he was doing what I do to people – he was freezing me out."

The turnaround on the single ball was 180 degrees. But Davis, so serious a chap, so dedicated a student of the game, remained unsurprised. "I was surprised that he missed the blue but not at all surprised at what happened afterwards. If you look at big matches in the game you will find that they often turn on one shot.

"People say that if you are a hustler deliberately playing worse than you can, the balls never forgive you. Well, the balls did not forgive Willie for that miss. You've got to take every chance that comes in snooker."

These two-day snooker finals are enormously draining. The physical and mental effort is immense, but there was just a moment when Thorne thought it was all easy, when he thought the game was over. He said afterwards he knew he was playing "in a different class" from the champion: but nobody is under any illusion that being a champion is about playing ability alone.

Davis always strives to give the great stoneface during snooker tournaments. But his entire demeanour changed after that miss. Once he had been given a chance he started to look like a heron, pacing on incredibly long, stiff legs with murder in his heart and a lethal weapon at his disposal. The illusion was so complete that you might have believed that Davis, like a heron, had his knees on backwards. And he gorged himself on the shoals that Thorne had let by.

Davis moves on with the myth of his invincibility reinforced, but Thorne will now bear like a cuckold's horns the marks of his own fallibility. He was talented enough, but not good enough. And everyone saw. Davis said that the experience will make Thorne a stronger player. Perhaps that is so. But he must hope that the balls will forgive him soon, because he will never forgive himself.

FRAME SCORES (Davis first): 78–25, 23–112, 84–47, 0–90, 34–98, 6–83, 78–1, 85–4, 0–122, 121–5, 11–95, 30–101, 71–67, 39–75, 59–62, 56–69, 0–135, 30–75, 80–0, 89–25, 0–98, 58–59, 63–1, 70–13, 71–10, 69–41, 12–95, 128–1, 84–19, 70–19. Davis 16, Thorne 14.

YACHTING

Tabarly finds himself in another storm

By Barry Pickthall

As the 15 crews competing in the Whitbread round the world yacht race prepare to set out from Cape Town tomorrow on the second stage of this 27,000 mile classic, the controversy surrounding the change of keel carried out on Eric Tabarly's Belgian maxi Côte d'Or continues.

Tabarly claims that the new keel, hurriedly fabricated in Cape Town, was a necessary part of the repairs carried out on Côte d'Or following damage sustained during the storm that battered the fleet as they approached the Cape on the first leg of the race, from Portsmouth, and should therefore be allowed under the race rules.

Tabarly discovered that the damage to the hull, rigging and staunchions was the result of excess inertia within the hull caused by the yacht being four tons over her desing weight, making it submarine badly when reaching or running and slam heavily into head seas.

The extra weight of the repairs, which would have made the yacht heavier in the bows exacerbates rather than cures, the problem, making the keel change essential to bring the boat back to its designed trim.

Other competitors, however, claim that the change was made to improve speed not safety and that the yacht should either retire or face disqualification from the next stage.

Yesterday, the hearing called to decide the matter failed to reach a conclusion and will be reconvened today.

BASKETBALL

Paupers walk tall in higher circles

By Robert Pryce

The local Press billed the Birmingham-Portsmouth game on Saturday as the Princes against the Paupers. Birmingham are one of 14 in the First Division without a commercial sponsor; Portsmouth are backed by the local football club and their millionaire chairman, John Deacon. Birmingham are run on a budget of £85,000 a year; Portsmouth spend more than twice that amount just on players' salaries. Despite a ragged performance, Birmingham led by nine points in the last quarter; Portsmouth finally overcame the upstairs, 90-88.

This week a new arrival may join the princely retinue. Danny Palmer, the Portsmouth, has brought over another American, Jose Slaughter, to try him at guard while Joel Moore recovers from a car accident. Because teams are allowed only two Americans, Alan Cunningham's registration could be cancelled this week, whereupon he will join Joe White – whose weight problem appears intractable – as the club's reserves de luxe.

Birmingham overcame what their coach, Art Ross, called their "worst first half of the season" to take a 78-69 lead with eight and a half minute to play, then scored only four of the next 23 points. While their bigger men never threatened their Highnesses' command of the aerial routes, William 'Butch' Hays carried their attack with 40 points.

Larry Dassie contributed most for Portsmoth, hitting 34 points and taking rebounds. In the absence of Moore, who is unlikely to play again this season, Palmer paraded a number of players as ball-handling guards, including the 17-year-old Andrew Bailey. Birmingham responded with full-court pressure defence which threatened to crack the aristocrats' composure. "We turned the ball over more than usual." Dassie admitted.

McEwan Tyneside also suffered from turn-overs. They were leading Brunel Ducks 79-74 in overtime and looked to have escaped from the foot of the First Division when they gave the ball away three times in rapid succession. They lost, 83-82.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

7.30 unless stated

Screen Sport Super Cup
Liverpool v Tottenham

Second division
Bradford v Portsmouth

Fourth division
Halifax v Hereford

IRISH LEAGUE: TNT Gold Cup: Semi-final: Coleraine v Linfield (at the Oval, Belfast).

FA TROPHY: Third qualifying round: Barrow v Mossley. Replays: Gretna v Morecambe; Willenhall v Radcliffe Borough; Grays v Epsom and Ewell.

FA VASE: Second round, second replay: Camberley v Tonbridge Wells.

MULTIPART LEAGUE: Chorley v Worksop; Gainsborough v Matlock; Marine v Bangor City; South Liverpool v Witton. Postponed: Goole v Buxton.

SOUTHERN LEAGUE: Bill Dellow Cup: Second round: Alvechurch v Worcester. Replay: Fisher v Tonbridge. Midland division: Bromsgrove v Gloucester; Forest Green v Coventry Sporting. Southern division: Chatham v Sheppey.

VAUXHALL-OPEL LEAGUE: AC Delco Cup Second round replay: Slough v Carshalton. First division: Chesham v Hampton; Leytonstone-Wingate v Bromley; Uxbridge v Aveley. Second division: North: Barton Rovers v Saffron Walden; Hemel Hempstead v Chalfont St Peter; Vauxhall Motors v Harefield; Wolverton v Stevenage Borough. South: Dorking v Southwick; Egham v Flackwell Heath.

CENTRAL LEAGUE (7.0): First division: Derby v Wigan; Leeds v Newcastle; Leicester v Aston Villa. Postponed: Manchester United v Nottingham Forest; Sheffield Wednesday v Everton. Second division: Coventry v Rotherham; Notts County v Grimsby; Sunderland v Blackpool (7.30). Postponed: Bradford City v Preston.

FOOTBALL COMBINATION: Charlton v Watford (2.0); QPR v West Ham (2.0); Southampton v Swindon.

ESSEX SENIOR CUP: Second round: Barking v Harlow; Walthamstow Avenue v Chelmsford.

LONDON SENIOR CUP: Third qualifying round: Woking v Eton Manor.

FA YOUTH CUP: Second round: Chesterfield v Cambridge United; Crystal Palace v Southampton; Fulham v Orient; Plymouth v Arsenal; Tottenham v Gillingham.

BUILDING SCENE EASTERN LEAGUE: Newmarket v Chatteris; Tiptree v Haverhill; Wisbech v March.

GREAT MILLS WESTERN LEAGUE: Premier division: Chard v Mangotsfield.

SOMERSET PREMIER CUP: Shepton Mallet v Clandown.

NENE GROUP UNITED COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier division: Baldock v Newport Pagnell; Eynesbury v Irthlingborough Diamonds.

OTHER MATCHES: Harrow Borough v Marlow; Witney v Oxford University.

RUGY UNION

CLUB MATCHES: Neath v South Glamorgan Institute (7.0); Penarth v Newbridge (7.0).

COURAGE CUP: Semi-final: Maidstone v Gravesend (at Gravesend).

OTHER SPORT

BASKETBALL: British Masters: regional round: Team Telecom Colchester v London Docklands Crystal Palace (8.0).

BOXING: Middleweight: Herol Graham v Sanderline Williams (US) (at Ulster Hall, Belfast).

HOCKEY: Combined Services indoor championships (at RAF Newton).

SNOOKER: Dulux British Open qualifyin rounds (at Solihull).

SQUASH RACKETS: American Express Premier League (6.30): Simcoe Armley v Chapel Allerton; Edgbaston v Dunnings Mill; Nottinghamv Entre Redwood; Leicester v Manchester.

RACING: COMMITTEE OF INQUIRY RECOMMENDS DEVELOPMENT OF NATIONAL STUD AS CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE

Janus to repeat pattern of success at home from home

By Mandarin (Michael Phillips)

After an encouraging first run of the season behind Aonoch at Huntingdon a week ago, **Janus** is taken to win the valuable E. *Coomes Handicap Hurdle* at Fontwell Park today. For my selection it will be rather like returning home because he was trained within a stone's throw *of the course for much of his* early life until Nadine Smith, his trainer, moved to Eastbury, the next village to Lambourn during the summer.

Getting to know new gallops is always a challenge, but already the achievements of Homeward this season are evidence that Mrs Smith, is *getting the hang of those famous* exercise grounds on the Berkshire downs. Now I hope to see Janus also prove the point at the expense of the top weight *Sailor's Dance, Southernair, the* winner of the race 12 months ago, and Jade and Diamond, whose most recent run at Worcester was a hint of better things to come.

Last season Janus won a good race *on his second outing* after running with great promise in his first and I think that the pattern can be repeated.

Twelve months ago Roddy Armytage, *the East Ilsley* trainer, saddled Tom Taylor to win the Wally Coomes Handicap Chase. Now he could easily have the answer again in the shape of that improving young mare, **Rostra**, who will be *ridden by his own son*, Marcus, just as she was when she won her first race this season.

A winner over today's course and distance last season besides other chases at Worcester and Hereford, Rostra certainly showed that she has gone on the right way after her summer's rest when she bolted in by six lengths at Towcester first time out. In that sort of form she should be capable of defying her penalty and beating Stray Shot and Famous Footsteps.

At Hereford, I can envisage *Graham McCourt winning* a couple of races on horses trained fairly locally by Mercy Rimell. The first could be the Bridge Sollars Novices' Chase *on* **Eton Rouge**; *the second the* Bishop's Frome Handicap Hurdle on King Jo.

Formerly a useful hurdler in Ireland, **Eton Rouge** (1.45) ran *with a lot of promise in his first* race in this country for his present trainer when he finished sixth behind Lanhydrock at *Worcester. In appearance* Eton Rouge looks every inch the sort to do well jumping fences and now I take him to beat Clara Mountain, another of that ilk.

***King Jo** (3.15) will strip fitter* than he did before his first race of the season at Warwick where he finished a highly creditable third behing General Billy.

The choice of today's nap has fallen on **Gambir** in the Praill Motor group Handicap Chase. Last season Lord Vestey's handsome seven-year-old failed to win at all. But his record was simply symptomatic of some of *the ills which befell* David Nicholson's Condicote yard.

Now the horses trained there are jumping out of their skins again and running really well. *Gambir himself* has already made that point by coming home alone at Worcester

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Linley has operation

Richard Linley underwent a third operation in Yeovil Hospital yesterday and his condition has improved. He is being treated for abdominal injuries and a broken right leg following a car crash last week.

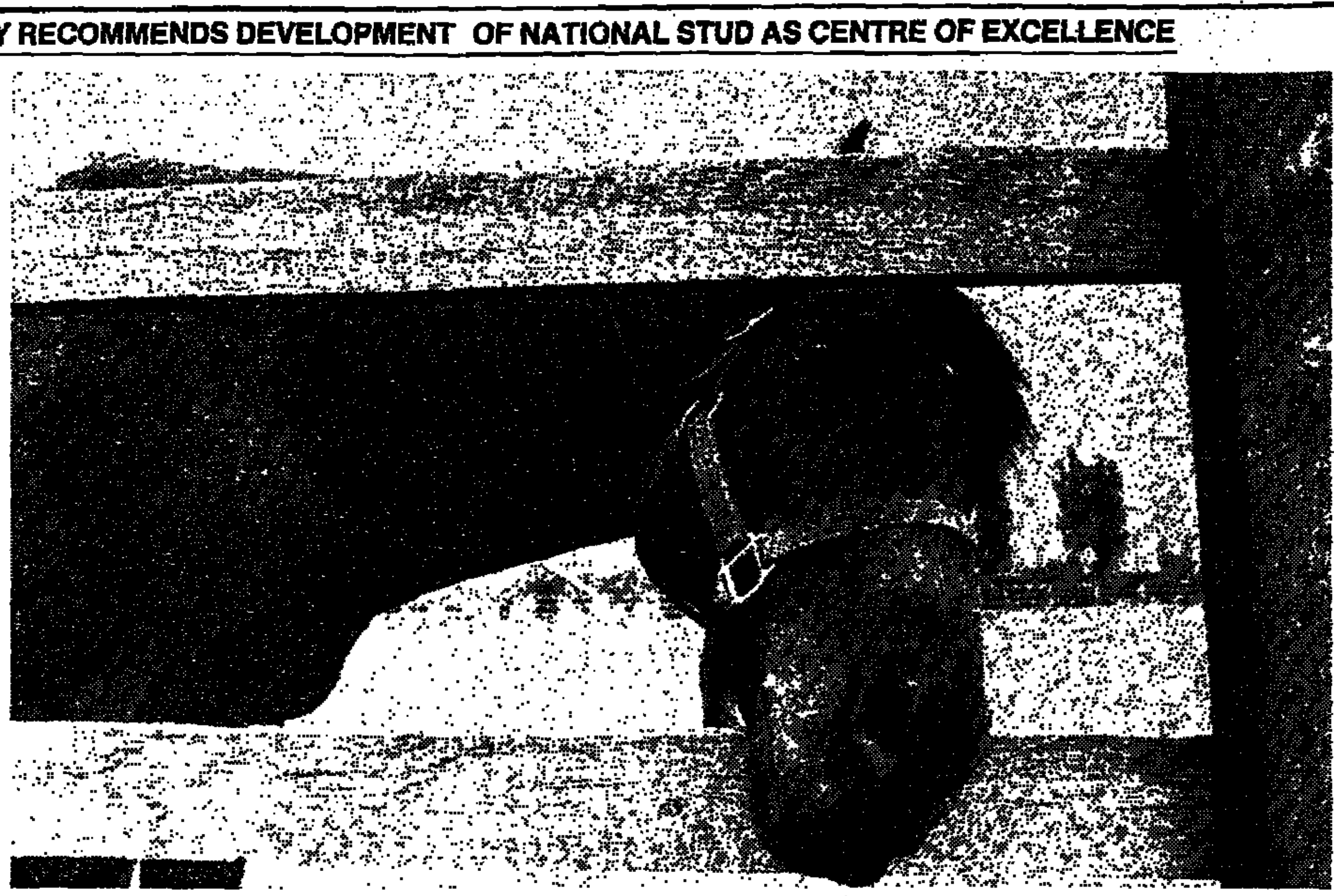
Today's course specialists

FONTWELL

TRAINERS: S Woodman 18 winners from 84 runners, 21.4%; Mrs N Smith 23 from 119, 19.3%; J Jenkins 24 from 135, 17.8%.
JOCKEY: S Smith Eccles 16 winners from 72 rides, 22.2%; S Sherwood 6 from 27, 22.2%; R Dunwoody 16 from 78, 20.5%.

HEREFORD

TRAINERS: Mrs W Sykes 11 winners from 45 runners, 24.4%; Mrs M Rimell 15 from 74, 21.7%; N Henderson 7 from 40, 17.5%.
JOCKEYS: P Scudamore 18 winners from 106 rides, 17.0%; N Coleman 6 from 37, 16.2%; C Smith 12 from 74, 16.2%.



Father figure: the great stallion Mill Reef, who has sustained the National Stud's finances (Photograph: Tom Stoddart)

Expansion plan mooted for National Stud

By Michael Seely

A bold, imaginative and well-thought out scheme for the future of the National Stud, has been presented to the Horserace Betting Levy Board by Sir John Sparrow and his committee of inquiry.

Not only do they recommend the standing of two top-class and four commercial stallions on the 512 acres just outside *Newmarket, but they also* suggest a considerable broadening of the activities of the institution that was first established when the late Lord Wavertree presented his entire stud to the nation in 1916.

Their principal recommendation is that the National Stud should neither be privatised nor closed, but that it should be developed for the national *benefit as a centre of excellence.*

It is recommended that "The Stud should purchase two high-quality National Hunt stallions to stimulate the breeding of better-quality steeplechasers and provide residential edu*cational and training courses for* students, potential-stud managers and stud grooms".

The Stud should also: sponsor or promote the search into preserving the integrity and health of the breed and into *fertility problems;* carry out research into husbandy nutrition and management; and undertake behavioural studies of the thoroughbred".

Due to the escalating value of bloodstock prices since the 1970s, the need for an inquiry had become vital. It had become impossible for the stud to make replacements for its top stallions, but due almost entirely to the success of Mill Reef, the stud's finances are at present in a healthy state, with book assets to its credit of £5.2m.

With a share in Kris having *recently been sold for a $1m and* one in Shirley Heights having changed hands for $750,000, the committee of inquiry are well aware that the purchases of such stallions will continue to be beyond its powers.

It is *therefore* suggested that the stud should endeavour to acquire charity status, thereby enabling the owners of such stallions to stand them at the National Stud and perhaps give shares or grant favourable terms as has been done in the past by such men as Robert Sterling Clark, Paul Mellon and Dr Carlo Vittadini.

As far as commercial stallions are concerned, that is to say those standing at a stud fee of between £5,000 and £25,000, it is felt that the National Stud should own all or a large proportion of such horses, so that it can either dispose of a *horse or shares in order to* generate cash for reinvestment. Final Straw, in whom the stud owned 15 shares, but who stands at a fee of £10,000, is a typical example of such a stallion.

The report goes on to say: "When the export sale of an *established stallion, proven to* be of the very highest quality, is proposed, the National Stud should act as the central coordinating body to seek to prevent such a stallion being exported, even if it is not itself financially involved.

The National Stud should be able to intervene to protect the industry's interests, either by influencing the owners of critical shares or by purchasing the critical shares in the stallion to ensure that it stays in this country."

It is considered that the Stud should become more autonomous with powers of making instant decisions. Possible trustees could be the chairman of the Levy Board, the Senior Steward of the Jockey Club and the President of the Thoroughbred Breeders' *Association.*

Under them would operate a *board of directors,* the chairman of which would be appointed by the trustees. Overall executive responsibility would rest with the managing director, who must obviously have outstanding ability.

In conclusion the report says that after taking accountancy advice from Rustons and Lloyds, the committee are convinced that the Stud will start from a position which is financially sound and which offers the possibility of continuing profit in the next few years.

Tristam Ricketts, the chief executive of the Levy Board said yesterday: "We shall be considering the report early in the New Year, *and if everything* is approved we hope to be setting up the management structure soon after that."

FONTWELL PARK

Going: good

1.0 E COOMES CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS SELLING CHASE (£866: 2m 2f 110yd) (12 runners)

1	4-	BRAVEN (R Peake) D Wintle 11-10-12	M Bosley
2	00304	*HANOVER PRINCE (G Graham) G Graham 10-10-12*	C Warren
3	22311-0	HOPEFUL ANSWER (B Murray) G Balding 12-10-12	R Guest 3
5	233411-	REAY'S SONG (J Denton) G Kindersley 11-10-12	P Corrigan
6	44f0f2	SHOTANG (D Pearce) H O'Neill 10-10-12	S McCrystal 3
11	00u-000	MIANALCO (W King) W King 6-10-8	H Jenkins
12	00340-0	NARSINH (B Bates) L Lightbrown 6-10-8	K Sims
13	03/f	NOBLE ROMAN (J G Cann) J Cann 9-10-8	G Landau
15	403/0-f	*PLAIN JIM (Dr C Studd) P Butler 8-10-8*	M Hoad
16	1p00-04	ROBAND (Mrs J Perrin) W Perrin 5-10-8	–
17	40-0f00	WEAVERSLAKE (A Neaves) A Neaves 9-10-8	E Murphy
18	2-004pp	WESTERN KELLY (Mrs J Ford) R Parker 8-10-3	D Hood 3

1984: Kings Singer 10-11-12 P Croucher (7-2) B Forsey 9 ran.

3 Hopeful Answer, 5 Shotang, 5 Reay's Song, 6 Braven, 8 Hanover Prince, 10 Roband.

FORM: BRAVEN (10-11) on only outing last season was 39l last of 4 to Romany Nightshade (11-13) at Newbury (2m hcap ch, £2,359, soft, Dec 29, 4 ran). HOPEFUL ANSWER (10-2) 27l 5th of 10 to Silver Cliff (10-7) at Worcester (2m hcap ch); on penultimate start last season (10-13) won by 2l from Awning (10-0) at Worcester (2m hcap ch, £1,433, heavy, Dec 19, 7 ran). REAY'S SONG (11-1) on penultimate start last seasonbeat Threlkeld Hall (10-3) 20l at Carlisle (2m sell hcap ch, £837, good, Mar 8, 10 ran) SHOTANG (10-11) 3l 2nd to In Slips (10-9) at Windsor (2m sell hcap ch, £830, good to firm, Nov 18, 17 ran) with WEAVERSLAKE (10-6) 4 ¾l back in 6th, MIANALCO (10-8) and *HANOVER PRINCE (10-9) both behind and PLAIN JIM (10-5) a faller.*
Selection: HOPEFUL ANSWER.

Fontwell selections

By Mandarin

1.0 Reay's Song. 1.30 Fandango Light. 1.0 Rostra. 2.30 Janus. 3.0 Golden Minstrel. 3.30 Quarterback.

By Michael Seely

2.30 JADE AND DIAMOND (nap). 3.30 Quarterback.

1.30 GREENWICH NOVICE HURDLE (Div I: £548: 2m 2f) (18)

2	00-2	*BRIANOGAN (Mrs J Cotton) T Forster 5-10-11*	R Dunwoody
3	0p	BRUNI BABY (P Kearney) J Sayers 4-10-11	E Murphy 4
4		CANONBURY FLYER (Mrs M Doohan) Pat Mitchell 4-10-11	M Hammond
5	0001-0	CLOSE FLAME (S Freeman) J Edwards 4-10-11	P Barton
6	00	DRUIMGHREAC (Lt-Col J Deacon) G Prest 5-10-11	B Powell
7	0000-02	FANDANGO LIGHT (H Plotnek) D Elsworth 4-10-11	R Arnott 4
8	p00-00p	FIGHTING ROCKET (Mrs E Mitchell) N R Mitchell 8-10-11	Mr T Mitchell 7
11	10f1-34	*FOYLE FISHERMAN (BF) (D Steele) J Jenkins 4-10-11*	S Smith Eccles
12	03-	FREEMASON (Mrs C Heath) O Sherwood 4-10-11	S Sherwood
13		GREEN IVY (Mrs C Williams) A Turnell 4-10-11	Steve Knight
14	340-p	HOPEFUL KYBO (I Kerman) J Gifford 5-10-11	R Rowe
15	0-20	LUCKY CHARLIE (C Dartmouth) F Winter 5-10-11	J Duggan
16	0/f	MARTIN CROSS (P Coombes) W G Turner 7-10-11	A Jones 4
17	p000-04	NAMOOS (F Hill) A Moore 4-10-11	G Moore
18	pp00-	*NEMO KYBO (Mrs I Kerman) R Champion 5-10-11*	Mr T Grantham 4
19	00-0	OUR DADDY (R McMillan) H Beasley 5-10-11	D Murphy 4
21	ppp0-0	TUTOR'S NEPHEW (Mrs L Clay) T Clay 6-10-11	J Lovejoy
22		KINGSFOLD SWIFT (P Watson) Mrs N Smith 4-10-6	C Brown

1984: War And Peace 5-11-2 R Rowell (5-1) D Mills 14 ran.

2 Foyle Fisherman, 3 Fandango Light, 4 Freemason, 6 Lucky Charlie, 8 Brianogan, 10 Kingsfold Swift, 12 Hopeful Kybo, 14 others.

FORM: BRIANOGAN (10-10) 5l 2nd to Cimabue (10-10) at Windsor (2m nov hdle, £563, good, Nov 18, 19 ran). CLOSE FLAME (11-7) beat Shannon Spray (11-7) 1l at Killarney (2m NH flat race, £830, good, May 13, 10 ran). FANDANGO LIGHT (11-0) 12l 2nd to Inset Lady (10-9) at Kempton (2m nov hdle, £1,849, good, Nov 21, 12 ran). FOYLE FISHERMAN (11-1) 13l 4th to Homeward (11-11) at Ascot (2m nov hdle, £3,072, firm, Nov 16, 8 ran). FREEMASON (10-9) 16 ½l 3rd to Beat The Retreat (11-6) and Nohalmdun (11-4) at Sandown (2m nov hdle, £2,159, soft, Feb 2, 14 ran). *LUCKY CHARLIE (11-0)* 1l 2nd to Hodnet (10-12) on penultimate outing at Devon (2m 1f nov hdle, £578, good to firm, Sep 25, 14 ran).
Selection: FREEMASON.

2.0 WALLY COOMES HANDICAP CHASE (£2,439: 2m 2f 110yd) (8)

3	f0201-1	STRAY SHOT (G Hubbard) J Gifford 7-11-12 (5 ex)	R Rowe
4	41211-1	ROSTRA (CD) (Col A Taylor) R Armytage 6-11-6 (5 ex)	Mr M Armytage 7
5	f/f-034	RICHMEDE (P J Jones) P Jones 12-11-0	M Kinane
6	232-343	BAYHAM SIR VARDON (CD) (G R Graham) G Graham 11-11-0	S Sherwood
7	1-40234	FAST FLIGHT (D Woolard) J Ffitch-Heyes 10-10-13	R Goldstein
9	y4y4-11	*FAMOUS FOOTSTEPS (CD) (M Sanderson) P Haynes 10-10-8 (5 ex)*	A Webb
11	2-31303	REVOLVER (CD) (J Woodman) S Woodman 8-10-0	R Dunwoody
12	ff-p341	STRETCH OUT (CD) (Mrs B Bacon) A Moore 7-10-0	G Moore

1984: Tom Tailor 7-10-13 A Webber (7-4 fav) R Armytage 7 ran.

2 Stray Shot, 3 Rostra, 4 Famous Footsteps, 6 Revolver, 8 Fast Flight, 10 Bayham Sir Vardon, 12 Stretch Out, 14 Richmede.

FORM: STRAY SHOT (11-2) 5l scorer from Oversway (10-13) at Folkestone (2m 4f h'cap ch, £1816, good, Nov 25, 12 ran). ROSTRA (11-6) beat Bold Dealer (10-11) 6l at Towcester (2m h'cap ch, £1226, good to firm, Nov 14, 6 ran). RICHMEDE)10-0) 24 ½l 4th to Carved Opal (11-0) at *Newbury (2m 4f h'cap h, £3324, good to firm, Nov 22, 6 ran). BAYHAM SIR VARDON (10-0) 8l 3rd* to Castle Warden (11-7) at Ascot (3m h'cap ch, £6368, firm, Nov 16, 4 ran). FAMOUS FOOTSTEPS (10-0) short head winner from Kevinsfort (11-12) at Market Rasen (2m h'cap ch); previously (10-4) 6l winner from FAST FLIGHT (11-7) FAST FLIGHT best subsequent effort when (10-0) short head and 1l 3rd to Destiny Bay (10-13) as Ascot (2m h'cap ch, £6257, firm, Nov 15, 5 ran). STRETCH OUT (11-3) 2 ½l winner from Eurolink Boy (11-9) here (2m 2f Nov ch, £1280, good to firm, Nov 5, 11 ran).
Selection: *FAMOUS FOOTSTEPS.*

2.30 E COOMES HANDICAP HURDLE (£5,103: 2m 2f) (11)

1	1u0101-	SAILOR'S DANCE (M Ritzenberg) F Winter 5-11-10	J Duggan
3	24220-2	JANUS (K Little) Mrs N Smith 7-11-6	C Brown
5	/4111-u	SOUTHERNAIR (CD) (Southern Air Ltd) P Haynes 5-10-13	A Webb
8	011u0-0	*POLAR STAR (R Kerslake) M Pipe 8-10-11*	P Leach
12	2d01-30	FOREWARN (CD) (Hat Records Ltd) R Akehurst 4-10-8	R Dunwoody
14	0330-00	JADE AND DIAMOND (CD) (R Lavelle) G Balding 7-10-2	R Chapman 4
16	f421bf-	MR KEY (Mrs E McManus) P Haynes 4-10-0	J Lovejoy
18	01000-0	BIGEE (P Kearney) J Sayers 4-10-0	R Rowe
19	11043f-	MIGHTY STEEL (P Wright) N Lee-Judson 5-10-0	M Kinane
20	2/0002-	SLIP UP (F Gray) F Gray 5-10-0	E Murphy 4
21	00010-0	CATMAN (Miss I Ritchie) N Mitchell 4-10-0	B Powell

1984: Southernair 4-11-5 A Webb (9-4) P Haynes 9 ran.

7-4 Janus, 3 Sailor's Dance, 6 Southernair, 8 Polar Star, 10 Forewarn, 12 Jade And Diamond, 14 Mr Key, 16 others.

FORM: SAILOR'S DANCE (11-1) beat Allten Glazed (10-7) head at Ayr (2m h'cap hdle, £7119, good to soft, Apr 19, 4 ran). JANUS (11-4) 4l 2nd to Aonoch (11-6) at Huntingdon (2m hdle, £5580, Nov 26, 4 ran). SOUTHERNAIR (11-7) unseated rider at 1st in race won by Lanhydrock (10-4) at Worcester; Last season (11-10) beat Dhofar (10-11) 1l at Plumpton (2m h'cap hdle, £1716, soft, Dec 11, 9 ran). POLAR STAR (11-13) 54 ½l 7th to Hypnosis (10-5) at Wincanton; earlier (11-9) beat *Bunter (11-4) 1 ½l at Lingfield (2m Nov hdle, £589, soft, Feb 28, 24 ran).* FOREWARN last of 12 to Chrysaor at Sandown on Saturday, previously (10-12) 27l 3rd to Bronski at this course (2m 2f hdle, £3571, good to firm, Nov 5, 4 ran). JADE AND DIAMOND (11-1) 18 ½l 5th to Lanhydrock (10-4) at Worcester (2m 2f h'cap hdle, £4747, good, Nov 20, 19 ran). MR KEY)10-10) beat Quickstep (11-3) 1l at Wincanton (2m Nov hdle, £641, good to soft, Mar 7, 17 ran).
Selection; SOUTHERNAIR.

3.0 E COOMES SENIOR CITIZEN NOVICE CHASE (£2,415: 3m 2f 110yd) (11)

1	pp/p011	CHOICE OF CRITICS (E Rettel) R Akehurst 9-11-8	R Dunwoody
5	21	GIOLLA WAY (D Seward) D Gandolfo 6-11-0	P Barton
6	up23-31	GOLDEN MINSTREL (W Gale) J Gifford 8-11-0	R Rowe
7	0p-uu43	HOPEFUL SAINT (T King) W King 7-11-0	H Jenkins 7
8	3p/b0f4	*OPENING NIGHT (B) (C White) C White 11-11-0*	M Bosley 7
10	304200-	BROWN VEIL (Mrs A Lawe) R Armytage 10-10-9	Mr M Armytage 7
11		CASTEL GANDOLFO (K W Dunn) K Dunn 8-10-8	B de Haan
14	ppp-	FORT HALL (P Cowell) P Haynes 6-10-8	R Beggan
17	00p0-3	PENNY ROYAL (Marchioness of Salisbury) O Sherwood 6-10-8	S Sherwood
18	00000-	LOLLYS PATCH (Mrs P W Harris) P Harris 5-10-7	R Stronge
20	0/1002-	WINNING CLOVER (W Logan) R Blakeney 7-10-3	M Richards

1984: Hello Killiney 7-11-2 J Francome (4-7 fav) J Jenkins 6 ran.

2 Giolla Way, 3 Golden Minstrel, 4 Penny Royal, 5 Choice Of Critics, 12 Brown Veil,

FORM: *CHOICE OF CRITICS* (11-8) beat Drive Easy (11-3) 6l at Plumpton (2m 4f nov cch, £1,983, good to firm, Nov 27, 9 ran). GIOLLA WAY (10-9) beat Sheralam (10-9) 10l at Southwell (3m nov ch, £665, good, Nov 19, 12 ran). GOLDEN MINSTREL (10-10) beat Vodkatini (10-10) short head at Folkestone (2m 4f nov ch, £1,348, good, Nov 25, 11 ran). OPENING NIGHT (10-9) 4l 4th of 17 to In Slips (10-8) in Windsor seller (2m h'cap ch, £6.30, good to firm, Nov 18). *BROWN VEIL (11-4) best* effort last season when 14l 5th of 15 to Contradeal (12-0) at Towcester (2m 5f nov ch, £1,506, good to soft, April 6). PENNY ROYAL (10-10) made some late headway when 17l 3rd of 8 to Arapaho Prince (11-8) at Hereford (3m 1f nov ch, £1,579, good to firm, Nov 12). WINNING CLOVER (10-11) 30l 2nd of 5 to Lady Shot (11-5) at Hereford (3m 1f nov ch, £1,035, good to soft, May 15).
Selection: PENNY ROYAL.

3.30 GREENWICH NOVICE HURDLE (Div II: £548: 2m 2f) (13)

1	f0000-1	SNOWBALL JIM (Mrs P Hamilton) A Moore 5-11-3	Miss C Moore 7
2		*ADMIRAL IRONSIDE (Jack Blair Ltd) P Haynes 4-10-11*	A Webb
3		AIRBORNE ACE (A Goodman) W Perrin 7-10-11	–
4		BIT OF A DANDY (W Gale) J Gifford 4-10-11	R Rowe
5	000-0	BURNS LAD (P Wright) N Lee-Judson 4-10-11	M Kinane
7		CONA GLEN (Lady Mc-Gowan) T Forster 4-10-11	R Dunwoody
8	0p20	FOXE'S CASTLE (K W Dunn) K Dunn 5-10-11	R Stronge
10		MEGIDDO (Mrs J Roffe) G Enright 4-10-11	E Murphy 4
11	0p-	PICCARD (A Neaves) A Neaves 4-10-11	C Warren 7
12	22f	QUARTERBACK (BF) (S Mackal) M McCormack 4-10-11	P Barton
13	p0-	RED EMERALD (M Keegan) M Keegan 10-10-11	J Akehurst
14	000-	SASSANOCO (A Sandeman) D Oughton 4-10-11	P Double
15	40p0p-0	WORDEL (Mrs R Murdoch) Mrs R Murdoch 7-10-11	G Moore

1984: Boyne Salmon 4-10-11 R Rowell (13-8) Miss L Bower 8 ran.

2 Quarterback, 3 Cona Glen, 4 Foxe's Castle, 6 Admiral Ironside, 8 Bit Of A Dandy.

FORM: SNOWBALL JIM (10-3) beat Topori (12-0) 2l in a Plumpton seller (2m h'cap hdle, £718, good to firm, Nov 11, 11 an). FOXE'S CASTLE weakened into 6th over 2m 4f last time: previously (11-0) 6l 2nd of 15 to Honeygrove Banker (11-0) at Uttoxeter (2m nov hdle, £2,178, good, Nov 14). QUARTERBACK in lead when falling at the last at Plumpton: previously (10-8) 6l 2nd to Bronski (10-8) at Worcester (2m 2f nov hdle, £548, firm, Sep 27, 6 ran).
Selection: QUARTERBACK.

HEREFORD

Going: good

12.45 DAMSELLS NOVICE HURDLE (Div I: £548: 2m) (17 runners)

1	212121	VINO FESTA (J Davey) R Perkins 6-12-1	Dai Williams
3	0-3	AMBER MARSH (A Aylett) A Aylett 5-11-0	–
4	400-	APRIL GEM (P Phillips) D Burchell 5-11-0	S Davies 7
7		*CLIONDA (J Trapp) J Trapp 4-11-0*	–
10	030040-	GO ANNA GO (T Bailey) T N Bailey 4-11-0	P Scudamore
12	14	HOOTON LANE (D Taylor) B McMahon 4-11-0	P Dever
14	0103-	LADY HAMSHIRE (A Whittaker) P Bailey 5-11-0	A Webber
15	0-24	MISTY SUNSET (R Murray) Mrs M Rimell 5-11-0	G McCourt
16		PALS DELIGHT (E James) A Chamberlain 4-11-0	A Chamberlain
17	002-3	RELKISHA (J Pegley) D Wintle 4-11-0	A Carroll
18	00-	*ROSE RED CITY (Miss L Davis) K Bishop 4-11-0*	P Richards
20	4p-4	SHADY LEGACY (D Pugh) R Morris 4-11-0	W Morris
21	000-	SHAKIRA GROVE (M Lilley) J Spearing 4-11-0	R Dickin
22	0	SING GALVO SING (D Ellis) P Bevan 4-11-0	–
24	0-40	SPACE KATE (E Evans) E Evans 4-11-0	P Warner
27	0pp	STELLA PRIDE (K Carter) K Carter 4-11-0	Mrs L Sheedy
28	03/0	THETFORD CHASE (J Elwell) C Jackson 5-11-0	J Bryan

1984: No corresponding race.

5-2 Misty Sunset, 7-2 Relkisha, 4 Vino Festa, 6 Shady Legacy, 8 Go Anna Go, 10 Lady Hamshire, 12 others.

Hereford selections

By Mandarin

12.45 Relkisha. 1.15 Mr Bennington. 1.45 Eton Rouge. 2.15 GAMBIR (nap). 2.45 Red Gay. 3.15 King Jo.

Michael Seely's selection: 3.15 Record Wing.

1.15 BRIDSTOW CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS SELLING HURDLE (4-y-o: £479: 2m) (8)

1	p00-0	CAER PINGLE (D Wintle) D Wintle 10-10	S Byrne
2	0-00p	JIM BROWN (Mrs H Haynes) H Haynes 10-10	K Ricketts
3	p0000-3	*MR BENNINGTON (Bennington Furniture) J Cosgrave 10-10*	–
4	0	SIDELAND (Mrs M Palling) B Palling 10-10	D Tegg
6	p-	TWO UP (J Thomas) J Thomas 10-10	C Evans
8	p-40440	DAWN DOLLY (B Marsh) J P Smith 10-5	N Fearn
9	0p-	LUCY KING (R Croft) Mrs J Croft 10-5	W Humphreys
10	0-0030	NATINA-MAY (B) (J Eardley) D Moffatt 10-5	C Cowley

1984: Sax 10-9 W Worthington (13-8 fav) K Bridgwater 6 ran.

6-4 Mr Bennington, 3 Natina-May, 4 Dawn Dolly, 8 Sideland, 10 Caer Pingle, 12 Two Up, 16 others.

1.45 BRIDGE SOLLARS NOVICE CHASE (£1,724: 2m 4f) (13)

2	/0222-1	EDENSPRING (B) (D Montagu) N Henderson 6-11-5	J White
3	00004/	ASHLIGHT (D Goodenough) K Bishop 6-10-12	P Richards
4	41228-	CLARA MOUNTAIN (S Sainsbury) T Forster 6-10-12	H Davies
5	10-0	ETON ROUGE (Mrs J Maunders) Mrs M Rimell 6-10-12	G McCourt
6	20230/3	FALKLAND HERO (C Slack) J Webber 6-10-12	G Mernagh
8	000p/p0	*GALLOBAY (R Howells) R M Howells 6-10-12*	Mrs L Sheedy
9	032000-	GOINGO (R Brown) R L Brown 6-10-12	J Brown 7
11	0220-	JUST JOKING (T Nixon) T Forster 6-10-12	A Webber
12	100-	KING DAITHI (Lady Carden) N Gaselee 6-10-12	D Browne
13	p00p-	LAKEFIELD (J Bukovets) J Bukovets 5-10-12	W Worthington 7
15	p000-00	PRINCE VIDAR (Miss P Neal) Miss P Neal 6-10-12	R Hoare
16		SHEBBEAR (Mrs E Davis) K Bishop 6-10-12	–
19	02040/0	OUR GRACIE (B Colohan) T Bulgin 6-10-7	–

1984: Rufus T Firefly 10-12 S Smith Eccles (5-2) N Henderson 10 ran.

3 Eden Spring, 7-2 Clara Mountain, 4 Falkland Hero, 9-2 Eton Rouge, 8 King Daithi, 10 Just Joking, 14 others.

2.15 PRAILL MOTOR GROUP HANDICAP CHASE (£2,924: 3m 1f) (6)

2	024p-01	GAMBIR (Lord Vestey) D Nicholson 7-11-12 (5 ex)	P Scudamore
4	3310-40	FRED PILLINER (CD) (N Johnson) M Scudamore 8-11-3	M Williams
5	111p24-	VELESO (T Forde) J S King 7-11-1	J J O'Neill
7	u1320-0	CLAUDE MONET (T Whitley) D Gandolfo 7-10-10	R Earnshaw
9	11210/0	BARRYSVILLE (A Baird Tennis Courts) P Burgoyne 9-10-9	G McCourt
10	020u-00	BLAZING WIND (B) (G Clay) Mrs W Sykes 9-10-7	P Warner

1984: Pucka Fella 10-11-6 N Coleman (11-8 fav) Mrs D Tucker 5 ran.

6-4 Gambir, 7-2 Fred Pilliner, 4 Veleso, 6 Claude Monet, 10 Blazing Wind, 12 Barrysville.

2.45 DAMSELLS NOVICE HURDLE (Div II: mares: £548: 2m) (17)

5	-2	JAY JAY'S PRINCESS (Mrs J Scrivens) J Spearing 4-11-0	P Dever
8	0-0	LITTLE HERA (P Taylor) R Frost 6-11-0	J Frost
9	400-0	LITTLE MYND (T Pearson) G Jones 6-11-0	G Jones
10	00442/	LITTLE ROSIE (Mrs A Paterson) E Owen jun 8-11-0	K Burke 4
11	30-	LOBLOLLY (E Finch) Mrs A Finch 5-11-0	Mr J Mead
12	0-0	*MARIA SLIM (J Sioman) J Thomas 5-11-0*	Mrs R Vickery
13		MERCY'S SUPREME (D Davies) Mrs G E Jones 6-11-0	P Finch 7
15		MOODY GIRL (R Butters) R Hollinshead 4-11-0	J J O'Neill
16	3	MRS FOLEY (C Creed) M Oliver 4-11-0	J D Doyle 4
17	0/000	*PARISIENNE LARK (J Bourne) M Scudamore 5-11-0*	M Williams
18	300-	RATHMELL SYKE (J Needham) J Needham 5-11-0	J Bryan
19	0	RED GAY (J Fenwick) P Cundell 4-11-0	A Gorman
20	010-	RHYMAROUND (J Singleton) D McCain 4-11-0	J J Quinn 4
22		RUM CONE (S Griffiths) S Griffiths 4-11-0	Mr M Richards 7
25	0-	SWEET OPTIMIST (Mrs P Glenn) J Chugg 4-11-0	W Humphreys 7
26	0p	TENDER MANX (M Nicholls) B Palling 4-11-0	C Evans 7
27	00/p-	VIMY ROSE (Mrs A Lloyd) W Morris 5-11-0	W Morris

1984: No corresponding race.

3 Moody Girl, 4 Jay Jay's Princess, 5 Red Gay, 6 Mrs Foley, 8 Loblolly, 10 Rhymaround, 12 Little Rosie, 14 Mercy's Supreme, 16 others.

3.15 BISHOPS FROME HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,413: 2m) (22)

1	040111-	CONS PAL (CD) (F Faulkner) D Wintle 7-11-10	A Carroll
4	2u340-	WALNUT WONDER (C) (R Hickman) R Hickman 10-11-6	J Bryan
6	31128/0	PITLOCHRY (D) (A Aylett) A Aylett 6-11-5	G Jones
7	32321-3	IT'M FOR GALA (D) (A Brown) G Kindersley 4-11-3	A Webber
8	21020/3	KING JO (D Timothy Ltd) Mrs M Rimell 5-11-3	G McCourt
10	311p00-	DIXTON HOUSE (D) (P Hill) M Scudamore 6-11-2	M Williams
13	003p0-0	SUPPER'S READY (B) (Mrs M Smith) W G Morris 7-11-0	W Morris
14	232-003	MOUNTAIN MAN (D) (Mrs Y Allsop) R Brazington 9-10-12	C Jones
15	342000/	DUNEANY (D) (Mrs G Benney) D Nicholson 6-10-11	P Scudamore
17	013-000	FLAMING PEARL (B) (W Lee jun) B Stevens 4-10-8	H Davies
18	0/0014-	SEASON'S DELIGHT (C) R Broomhall) R Holder 6-10-6	N Coleman
20	04232-0	*CHRISMAL (B Llewellyn) D Burchell 4-10-8*	D J Burchell 7
21	411/	RECORD WING (Mrs P Long) D H Jones 7-10-7	P Christopher 7
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Results from yesterday's two meetings

Newcastle

Going: Soft.

12.45 (2m 120yd hdle): 1, BLYTHE KNIGHT (M Pepper, 5-1); 2, Heathervale (C Grant, 5-4 fav); 3, Hazel Bank (D Nolan, 14-1). ALSO RAN: *5 Galewood, 8 Longford Pass, 14 Candy* Cone (f), Silly Boy, 16 Billy Tobin, Harley (5th), Jupiter's Gem (5th), 25 Curraqui, 33 Another Gear, Fred Astaire, Jo-Andrew, Pleddon Green, *Sir Sooth,* Tom *Pousse (4th),* Top O'The Cream, Tyneside. 19 ran. NR: Blue Ravine. 1½l, 7l, 8l, 2l, 4l. E Carter at Malton. TOTE: £6.60; £1.09, £1.10, £2.70. DF: £8.00. CSF: £12.64

1.15 (2m 120yd hdle): 1, SANTOPACRE (K Teelan, 15-8 fav); 2, Qualitair Princess (P Tuck, 9-2); 3, Star's Delight (D Telfer, 20-1). ALSO RAN: 8 Grundy's Pet (6th), 9 Miniature Miss (5th), Philly Athletic (4th), 10 Hellcatmudwrestler, Hideedeeboo, Musical Wit, Recruit In Time, Rye Record, 14 Happy Homemaker, Uncle Oliver, 20 Dreamy Desire, Floating (u), 25 Little Newington, Allez. 17 ran. NR: Lovely Butterfly. W Storey at Consett. TOTE: £5.80; £2.90, *£1.80, £21.20. DF: £12.50. CSF: £14.81.* Bought in for 3,400 guineas.

1.45 (2m 4f ch) 1, THE DIVIDER (T G Dun, 4-1); 2, Durham Edition (R Lamb, evens fav); 3, Coeur Vaillant (Mr M Thompson, 11-2). ALSO RAN: 11-2 Slasher (4th), 8 Border Knight (5th), 16 Woodburgh (f), 20 Tumble Jim (6th). 7 ran. *½l, 20l, 1½l, dist, dist. Mrs T Calder at Duns.* TOTE: £4.50; £2.10, £1.10. DF: £3.10. CSF: £8.85.

2.15 (2m 4f hdle) 1, GREEN GORSE (C Hawkins, 4-1); 2, Scarlet Terror (A Stringer, 11-2); 3, Dutch Lord (C Grant, 11-2). ALSO RAN: 100-30 fav Calira (6th), 4 Fergy Foster (5th), 10 *Cool Andy, 12 Roman Dusk, 20 Taberna Lord* (4th), 40 Goldsocks. 9 ran. NR: The Processor. ¾l, 6l, 3l, 1½l, 10l. H Crump at Middleham. TOTE: £3.70; £1.20, £1.80, £1.40. DF: £8.80. CSF: £24.70. *Tricast:* £110.40.

2.45 (3m ch) 1, MISS RUBBISH (T G Dun, 11-1); 2, Tullamine (P Tuck, 9-4 fav); 3, Joe's Fancy (Mr J Quinn, 8-1). ALSO RAN: 5 Camroc *(f), 11-2 Arpal Conquest (5th), 6 Royal Bowler* (4th), 11 Must Fly (pu), Shining Benn (6th), 14 Timeless Flight (f), 16 Sophisticated (pu), 20 Bobby Bingo (pu), Brig Top (f), Historic House (pu). 13 ran. 10l, hd, dist, dist, dist. J Brockbank at Carlisle. TOTE: £8.40; £2.80, £1.30, £2.80. DF: £18.10. CSF: £38.53.

3.15 (2m 120yd hdle) 1, BULLOM (Mr M Thompson, 8-1); 2, Le Plat d'Or (Mr S Whitaker, 10-1); 3, Hodaka (Mrs H Noonan, 6-1). ALSO RAN: 11-4 fav Star Event (4th), 11-2 Rule Of The Sea (6th), 8 Lady Locket, 10 Bernish Lady, 14 Grey Card, Jay Elle Thaw, Panavista, 15 Blue Ravine, Carousel Crossett (5th), 20 Fragrant Fortune, 50 Takachiho, *Windlestraw. 15 ran. 6l, 2l, 10l, hd,* 8l. Denys Smith at Bishop Auckland. TOTE: £8.70; £2.10, £3.00, £2.30. DF: £10.30. CSF: £87.30.

Placepot: £8.10.

Nottingham

Going: good

12.30 (2m hdle) 1, KOUROS (M Brennan, 8-1); 2, Saint Acton (K Burke, 6-1); 3, Spot The *Patch (Jacqui Oliver, 9-1). ALSO RAN: 7-2 fav* Wild Hope (4th), 9-2 British Hero, 15-2 Hear No Evil (6th), 10 Black River, Gon With The Vet, 14 Port Anita, 20 Brox Treasure (f), Dan Raise (5th), Double Turn (f), Hello Gipsy, Prince Of Dawn, River Trout, 33 Another Lesson, Corn Merchant, Gold Creek, Hot Row (pu), Just *Paul, Minster Dipper* (ur), Titianello (bd). 22 Ran. Sh hd, 4l, 1½l, 12l, nk. O Brennan at Newark. TOTE: £7.70: £2.90, £2.30, £5.80. DF: £19.30. CSF: £82.09.

1.0 (2m ch) 1, MOUNTAIN HAYS (A Brown, 3-1); 2, Tierenee (R Crank, 12-1); 3, Silent Echo (R Dunwoody, 2-1). ALSO RAN: 8-4 fav Rentaghost (pu), 15 Abersing (4th). 5 ran. 1½, 25l, 12l. *M H Easterby at Great Habton.* TOTE: £3.40, £1.80, £3.40. DF: £12.20. CSF: £26.32.

1.30 (2m hdle) 1, TROJAN GOD (C Cox, 2-1 *fav); 2, Caroline's Girl (N Fearn, 7-2);* 3, Our Chicklette (C Prince, 12-1). ALSO RAN: 5-2 Game Track (f), 5 Hobournes Girl (4th), 14 Soixante Quinze, 33 Warm Air (5th), 50 *Saynden (6th). 8 ran. 12l, 1l, 2l, 8l, 7l. P Mitchell* at Epsom. TOTE: £2.20; £1.00, £2.50, £1.90. DF: £8.80. CSF: £9.56. Brought in for 2,400 guineas.

2.0 (3m ch) 1, GOLDEN FRIEND (G McCourt, 7-4); 2, The Last Prince (J J O'Neill, 8-11 fav); 3, Prince Carlton (Miss C Saunders, 10-1). ALSO RAN: 14 Skegby *(4th).* 4 Ran. 15l, 15l, 15l. Mrs M Rimell at Kinnersley. TOTE: £2.50. DF: £1.40. CSF: £3.32.

2.30 *(2m ch)* 1, AMBER RAMBLER (S Youlden, 5-2 fav); 2, Gringo (J White, 4-1); 3, Just Alick (J J O'Neill, 5-1). ALSO RAN: 7-2 The Haciendaros (5th), 10 Biddys Lad, 14 *Bright Sherriff (6th),* 33 Sudbrooke *Park,* 50 Groping Lad (pu), Portia's Last, *Starjestic* (4th), Unsung Hero, Willmore Ben, Miss Tell, Elusive Spirit. 14 ran. 1l, 4l, 5l, 3l, 3l. H Wharton at Wetherby. TOTE: £3.80; £1.20, £1.60, £2.10. DF: £8.00. CSF: £11.80.

3.0 (2m hdle) 1, YANK BROWN (G Bradley, 2-5 fav); 2, *Hotkole (D Dutton, 14-1);* 3, Carberagh King (M Dwyer, 9-2). ALSO RAN: 16 Young Knight, 25 Ravenslodge, Speak No Evil, Marsh Stag (5th), Portside, Worlingworth, 66 Abjad, Dalton Wood (pu), Jaunter (4th), Narboro Boy (f), Perroquet (6th), Emmanizer, Honeydant, Magnifica, Pelionia, Tomngton's Hope (pu). 18 ran. 12l, 1l, 12l, 10l, 1l. Mrs M Dickinson at Harewood. TOTE: £1.40; £1.10, £2.40, £1.80. DF: £10.00. CSF: £8.39.

Placepot: £55.80.

Graham McCourt: victory on Golden Friend at Nottingham

Law Report December 3 1985

Interest in trade dispute disqualifies miner for benefit

Cartlidge v Chief Adjudication Officer

Before Lord Justice Oliver, Lord Justice Ralph Gibson and Mr Justice Anthony Lincoln

[Judgment delivered November 28]

A claimant for unemployment benefit was disqualified under *section 19(1) of the Social Security* Act 1975 for receiving such benefit if he had lost employment because of a trade *dispute at his place of* employment.

But in order to escape the disqualification, the claimant had to show that he was within the proviso to the section in that he was not participating in or directly interested in the trade dispute. Thus a claimant, who was directly interested in the dispute notwithstanding that he was not participating in it, was outside the proviso and disqualified for receiving unemployment benefit.

The Court of Appeal, in a reserved judgment, dismissed an appeal by Mr Leslie Bernard Cartlidge, from a decision dated June 7, 1985, of the Social Security Commissioners whereby they decided that Mr Cartlidge was disqualified from receiving unemployment benefit for an inclusive period March 23, 1984, to November 20, 1984 on the ground *that he was, within section 19(1) of* the 1975 Act, "a person who had lost his employment".

The court was informed that this was a test case and that thousands more applicants were similarly affected. The court granted leave to appeal to the House of Lords.

Mr Richard Drabble for Mr Cartlidge; Mr John Laws for the Department of Health and Social Security.

LORD JUSTICE RALPH GIBSON said that Mr Cartlidge had worked for some 44 years in the coal industry. He was a member of the National Union of Mineworkers (NUM) and had for many years *worked for the National Coal Board* (NCB) as a driver at Florence Colliery in Longton.

In mid-*1983* he applied to the NBC to be considered for voluntary redundancy: presumably he would, if accepted, have received the appropriate payment and would cease to be employed by the NCB.

On March 10, 1984, he was given 12 weeks notice of the termination of his employment on the ground of redundancy. Mr Cartlidge said that his redundancy was due to a manpower saving scheme at Florence Colliery. He duly gave up his employment on June 2, 1984.

He was unable to find other work. He claimed unemployment benefit on about *June 5, 1984. He satisfied* the contribution conditions specified for unemployment benefit. He was capable of work.

Subject only to the question of disqualification by reference to loss of employment by reason of a stoppage of work which was due to a *trade dispute, Mr Cartlidge* was entitled to unemployment benefit under the terms of the Act in respect of any day of unemployment which formed part of a period of interruption of employment: section 14(1) (a) of the 1975 Act.

The stoppage of work which was *found by the tribunal of com*missioners to have caused Mr Cartlidge to be disqualified for receiving unemployment benefit arose out of and was part of the national miners strike.In mid-1983, when he applied for voluntary redundancy, there was no dispute.

According to the facts found by the tribunal the dispute started in November 1983. On March 8, 1984, the national executive committee of the NUM approved strike action by its members in support of their claims by way of escalation of the earlier dispute relating both to pit *closures and* wages. The *employees* at Florence Colliery withdrew their labour from March 23, 1984.

Accordingly there was a stoppage of work at the colliery from that date and Mr Cartlidge lost employment as an employed earner by reason of that stoppage of work *which was due to* a *trade* dispute both as to wages and pit closures at his place of employment.

Mr Cartlidge *could escape* the disqualifacation for receiving unemployment pay if he could prove that he came within the concluding clause of section 19(1) by proving that he was not participating in or directly interested in the trade dispute which caused the stoppage.

He was *able* to show *that* he *did* not participate in the trade dispute. He was personally against strike action. When he was able to get to work he worked. Violent picketing often prevented him from getting into work.

He was thus working in his employment without interruption for three weeks before he left. He was, however, not able to satisfy the *tribunal that he was not directly* interested in the trade dispute which caused the stoppage of work.

If the finding of the tribunal that the stoppage of work at the colliery was caused by a trade dispute, both as to wages and pit closures, was unassailable then the conclusion of the tribunal that Mr Cartlidge had failed to prove that he was not directly interested in the trade dispute could not be questioned.

He was obviously interested in the level of wages payable while his *employment continued and* he *had* a direct interest in the dispute in that the wages he would receive up to the *date of his being made* redundant would be increased if a settlement was made although he would not receive that increase until after his employment had ended.

Mr Deabble submitted that the requirement of section 19 was that the loss of employment should be by reason of a stoppage of work and it was not sufficient that it should have been associated with a trade dispute. The *stoppage* of work consisted of a large number of employees remaining away from work. Mr Cartlidge, when he did not get to work, was not caused to be absent by the absence of other workers but by the violent picketing.

The section imposed disqualification upon a person who had "lost employment by reason of a stoppage of work ... due to a trade dispute". There could be no doubt that the section imposed that disqualifi*cation upon a person who chose to* join in a stoppage of work caused by a trade dispute.

However, the section was *not* concerned with the attitude or motives of the person who had lost employment but with a factual situation or event.

The claimant had lost employment by reason of a stoppage of work if the stoppage was the effective cause of his not working.

The stoppage was an event which itself had prior causes, physical *manifestations* and subsequent effects; and it might touch and concern, in the context of industrial relations, all the people working at the place of employment in many different ways: those who promoted and favoured the stoppage; those who acquiesced reluctantly in it; those who tried to get to work but were prevented by the moral persuasion of a peaceful picket; *those who were physically pre*vented from entering or who were deterred by threats of violence: and, of course, those who went *to work* notwithstanding the stoppage.

If enough people stayed away for a stoppage of work to result then all those who were caused to lose employment by the event, whether by their own choice or by the actions of others taking part in the *event, must be regarded* as losing employment by reason of the stoppage of work.

Mr. Drabble also submitted that for the purposes of the proviso to section 19 the tribunal were required to identify "the trade dispute which caused the stoppage *of work*". The tribunal, he said, adopted an approach which was too wide as a matter of law in *identifying the relevant dispute* as one about both wages and pit closures because in so doing they failed to identify the dispute which on the evidence caused the stoppage at Florence Colliery.

The evidence, however, showed that the trade dispute which caused *the national strike was concerned* both with pit closures and with pay. The NUM regarded the pay offer as inadequate and saw a substantial increase as necessary and justified.

They wanted that increase in pay for miners working in an industry in which the NCB policy for pit *closures would not* be applied. The NCB made it clear that the increase in pay offered was subject to discussion of pit closures.

A purpose or an issue of that strike, in addition to the saving of jobs which was seen as the primary aim of the resistance to pit closures, was that if *successful* the issue of pay would have to be discussed and resolved in an industry in which a *very different policy for pit closures* would be in force.

There remained for consideration, first the contention that disqualification under section 19 *should not apply to a claimant* during a period when, in any event, his employment was to be and, in fact, was terminated by his employers for redundancy and irrespective of any stoppage by reason of a trade dispute.

That contention was based on the *fact that when on* March 23, 1984, Mr Cartlidge first lost employment as a result of the stoppage he was *already* under notice to terminate his employment on June 2 on the ground of redundancy.

His Lordship did not regard as plainly incorrect the construction of *the words* in section 19(1) which had applied disqualification to a person who had lost employment by reason of a stoppage notwithstanding the fact that, when he claimed, *he* had lost his job by reason of redundancy. Indeed, that construction was in accordance with the *natural meaning of the words in the* context.

Clearly a person who had lost his job *had lost* employment but it must have been within the contemplation of Parliament that "loss of employment" as an employed earner by reason of a stoppage of work which was caused by a trade dispute would occur without loss of job by all or some of the persons *affected by the stoppage.*

His Lordship did not think that by those words Parliament intended to distinguish between those who by reasons of a stoppage lost their jobs and those who lost no more than some time away from work without pay. Further, having regard to the *consistent line of decisions* which supported that conclusion as correct, it would not be right for the court to depart from them: see, for example *R v National Insurance Commissioner, Ex parte Stratton* ([1979] QB 361).

It was also contended that disqualification should not apply to a claimant who, having for a period lost employment by reason of a *stoppage caused by a trade dispute,* resumed his employment and was so employed when his employment *was terminated by his employer* for reasons not connected with the stoppage or the dispute. It was said *that that ground did not clearly* require, for it to succeed, that a long *standing* and consistent line of decisions of social security commissioners be overruled.

His Lordship found that contention to be difficult and the argument finely balanced. In the end he reached the conclusion that Mr Cartlidge could not succeed

Lord Justice Oliver and Mr Justice Anthony Lincoln delivered concurring judgments.

Solicitors: Seifert Sedley Williams; Solicitor, DHSS.

Sex discrimination

Regina v Secretary of State for Education and Science and Another, Ex parte Keating and Others

A local education authority's published proposals to close the *only single-sex county boys school* in their area, while continuing to maintain two single-sex girls schools, was unlawful and in breach of section 23(1) of the Sex Discrimination Act 1975, since the loss of the option to have either single sex or coeducational schooling for boys and not for girls was to treat boys less favourably.

Mr Justice Taylor so held in the Queen's Bench Division in a reserved judgment on November 29 when he granted an order of *certiorari* to the applicants, parents of boys at Merrywood Boys' County Comprehensive School, to quash the decision of Avon County Council on November 3, 1983, to publish proposals to close the school.

MR JUSTICE TAYLOR said that section 8 of the 1944 Act had to be read in conjunction with the provisions of the 1975 Act so that if an education authority had decided to provide single-sex *education,* its policy had to be carried out without treating one sex less favourably than the other.

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SESSION 1985-86

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(No. 2)

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1. Construction of the following works: In Northumberland - Works Nos. 1, 1A and 1B - A railway (616 metres in length) and two new roads in the district of Wansbeck; In Berkshire - Work No. 2 - A combined new road and footpath at Bull's Lock in the parish of Greenham in the district of Newbury; In Lincolnshire - Work No. 3 - A new road at Old Leake in the borough of Boston.

2. Construction of the following bridge and other works in connection with electrification of the East Coast Main Line; In Nottinghamshire - Work No. 4 - A footbridge at Retford in the district of Bassetlaw; In South Yorkshire in the borough of Doncaster - Work No. 5 - a New road, including a bridge, at St. James's Bridge; Works Nos. 6A, 6B and 6C - Alterations in level of the Doncaster Avoiding Line (respectively 360, 440 and 440 metres in length); Work No. 7 - A new road, including a bridge, at Bentley; In North Yorkshire - Works Nos. 8A and 8B - A new road and a realignment of a road at Copmanthorpe in the parished of Askham Bryan, Bishopthorpe and Copmanthorpe in the district of Selby; Work No. 9 - A raising of the bridge carrying Holgate Road in the city of York; Works No. 10, 11A and 11B - In the district of Hambleton, a raising of the bridge in the parish of Overton carrying the Overton-Skipton road and of the bridge in the parish of Sessay carrying Station Road, and a combined new road and bridleway at Sessay; Work No. 12 - A raising of the bridge carrying the South Otterington-Thornton-le-Moor road in the parish of South Otterington; In Durham - Work No. 13 - A raising of the bridge carrying Aycliffe Lane, Brafferton, in the borough of Darlington; In Tyne and Wear - Works Nos. 14 and 15 - A raising of the bridges carrying Chowdene Bank and Derwentwater Road in the borough of Gateshead; Works Nos. 16, 17 and 18 - A raising of the bridges carrying Argyle Street, Manors, and Heaton Park Road and Chillingham Road, Heaton, in the city of Newcastle upon Tyne; In Northumberland - Work No. 19 - A footbridge at Morpeth in the borough of Castle Morpeth.

3. Special provisions in connection with the construction and maintenance of the proposed works; construction and operation of level crossings over the new road (Work No. 18) and over the Boston-Skegness railway; road gradients of Works Nos. 9, 10, 11A and 12 to 17; and incorporation of certain provisions, including power to stop up permanently or temporarily roads, bridleways and footpaths, with or without substitutes, and appropriation of sites of certain roads, bridleways and footpaths so stopped up.

4. Stopping up of part of Barrington Road and the C.414 road, Bedlington, and substitution of new footpath for part of the footpath linking Barrington Road with Stakeford Road; stopping up of part of combined road and footpath between Hambridge Lane and Bury's Bank Road, Bull's Lock, Newbury, parts of St. James's Bridge and St. Sepulchre Gate, Doncaster, part of Bentley Road, Bentley, parts of one of the two York-bound carriageways of the A.1036 road, Copmanthorpe, and part of Scaife Shay Lane, Sessay, and bridleway along the same; substitution on new footpaths for the footpaths carried by footbridges between Westfield Road and West Carr Road, Retford, and the footpath linking Morpeth and Salisbury Street and Coopies Lane, Morpeth, and stopping up of the footpaths so substituted; stopping up of part of Ermine Street, Hibaldstow, Glandford, Humberside, of part of the footpath between Claypole and Cross Lane, South Kesteven, Lincolnshire, carried by a footbridge over the East Coast Main Line, of footpaths carried by footbridges over the East Coast Main Line adjacent to Marholme and Woodcroft level crossings, Peterborough, Cambridgeshire, of the footpath carried by a footbridge over the railway adjacent to Meadow lane level crossing, Nottingham, and of part of the footpath between Brayford Pool and Brayford Wharf East, Lincoln.

5. Provision for the reconstruction of bridges at Hexthorpe, Doncaster, carrying the bridleway between Balby and Hexthorpe over the Conisborough-Doncaster railway, over the East Coast Main Line at Newsham, Hambleton, carrying the private road connecting the A.167 road with fields in the area of Manor House Farm, and at Copmanthorpe, Selby, carrying one of the two York-bound carriageways of the A.1036 road; partial reconstruction of bridges over the East Coast Main Line in the parish of Hemsworth, Wakefield, West Yorkshire, carrying the footpath connecting Wentworth Terrace with Wakefield Road, Fitzwilliam, and in the parish of Hurworth, Darlington, Durham, carrying the footpath connecting Hurworth-on-Tees with Tees View, Croft, including stopping up of parts of the said bridleway and footpaths; the provision of a new footpath at Hexthorpe and a new cycle track at Copmanthorpe; and provision for specified road gradients in the reconstruction of certain bridges over the East Coast Main Line.

6. Purchase of land or rights in, under or over land in the areas of the proposed works and also in the parish of Hexham, district of Tynedale, Northumberland; temporary possession of, and access over, land at Doncaster and Newsham with Breckenbrough. The said lands include a portion (having an area of about 72 square metres) of the public open space off Windmill Way and Willow Close in the parish of Morpeth, borough of Castle Morpeth. Special provisions as to the entry and compensation and incorporation of certain provisions including extinction or suspension of private rights of way over lands to be purchase or used.

7. Extinguishment of certain rights of way over Hobhole Bank level crossing, Old Leake, Boston, Lions Den level crossing, South Ribble, Lancashire, Spink's Lane level crossing, Wymondham, Norfolk, and West River level crossing, Thetford, Cambridgeshire; special provisions for the operation of Hobhole Bank and West River crossings and of Cronard level crossing, Babergh, Suffolk.

8. Power to the Board and Essex County Council to enter into agreements concerning a level crossing to be constructed at Harwich adjacent to George Street level crossing and special provisions for the construction, operation and maintenance of the new crossing, for the stopping up of George Street crossing and for the extinguishment of certain rights of way over Maria Street level crossing, Harwich.

9. Power to the Board and Lincolnshire County Council to enter into agreements concerning a level crossing to be constructed at Wainfleet and special provisions for the construction, operation and maintenance of that crossing and for the extinguishment of certain rights of way over Chain Bridge Lane level crossing, Wainfleet.

10. Power to the Board and Nottinghamshire County Council to enter into agreements concerning a level crossing to be constructed at Kirkby-in-Ashfield and special provisions for the construction, operation and maintenance of that crossing.

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12. Relief of the Board from all obligations in respect of Abbots Ripton level crossing, Huntingdon, Cambridgeshire, and Blenkinsop level crossing, Greenhead, Tynedale, Northumberland.

13. Provision for the amalgamation into a single scheme of the British Railways (Wages Grades) Pension Fund and the New Section of the British Railways Superannuation Fund.

14. Relief from obligations of the Board to maintain an opening span in the bridge over Deptford Creek in the London boroughs of Greenwich and Lewisham and to maintain part of Hungerford Footbridge in the city of Westminster for use by the public.

15. Provisions of a general nature applicable to or in consequence of the intended Act; including the repeal or amendment of certain specified enactments.

AND NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that plans and sections of the works and plans of the land which may be purchased or used under the intended Act, with a book of reference to such plans, have, as relate to each of the areas hereinafter mentioned, been deposited for public inspection with the appropriate officer of the council of the area as follows:

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DATED this 3rd day of December, 1985.

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SENIOR – on November 21, at St Bartholomew's Hospital, London, to Phyllis (nee Carran) and Christopher, a daughter, Emily Florence.

STANTON. – On November 27th to Lewis and Vicky (nee Paleerson) at Watford, a fine healthy son, Joshua Lawrence a brother for Graham.

STEWART.–To Sharon (née Habgood) and Michael, on December 1–a daughter (Annie Georgina).

WALLER.–On November 29, at Aberdeen Maternity Hospital, to Janet (née Savory) and Chris–a son (Thomas George).

WARNER.–In God's perfect timing, on 19th November, 1985, at Winchester, to Valerie (née Tedd) and Mark–a daughter (Rachel).

WEISS.–On 30th November, 1985, to Elizabeth (née Wilson) and Robert–a daughter (Joanna Mara).

WILMOT-SMITH – On November 28th, to Michele (née Jory) and James, a daughter (Sybil).

YARKER – On November 30 to Gwen, wife of Commander Tim Yarker, a son, Jonathan Alexander, a brother for Charlotte and Nicholas.

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DEATHS

AUSTIN.–On November 27, 1985, peacefully, in hospital, Richard George, aged 74 years, of Coulsdon, Surrey. Funeral service at St Aidan's Church, Coulsdon at 10 a.m. on Friday, December 6, 1985. Flowers to W. A. Truelove & Son, 55 Chipstead Valley Road, Coulsdon, Surrey. 01-660 2620.

BOWLBY – On November 28th 1985, peacefully in hospital in Winchester, Christian, beloved wife of the late Captain Hugh Bowlby R.N. and loving mother of Angela and Daphne. Private cremation. Thanksgiving Service, Tuesday, December 3rd at St Swithuns, Headbourne, Worthy at 2.30pm.

CARGILL THOMPSON – On 29th December, 1985, peacefully in her 81st year, Helen Mary Sutherland Reed of 19 Mirrless Drive, Glasgow G12 0SH, widow of William David Cargill Thompson (Rangoon) mother of James, Helen and John and daughter of the late Mr and Mrs W. A. Reed (St Anne's and Dedham).

COTTON – On November 30th, suddenly in Nassau, following a car accident, Eve Jacqueline, dearly loved eldest daughter of Gordon and Carole, and sister of Laura, Alice and Thomas. Private Funeral in Switzerland.

D'ARCY Niall Joseph, in his 49th year, peacefully at home in his sleep after a long and bravely borne illness. Beloved husband of Anneke; dear father of Gina. Chairman and founding member of Sterling Westminster Group. He will be sadly missed by all. Requiem mass at St Mary's Church, Cadogan Street, SW3, at 2pm on Thursday, December 5: followed by interment at Gunnersbury Cemetery R.I.P. Enquiries to A France & Son Tel: 01-405 4901.

FAIRILL – On November 30th, 1985, in Mount Vernon Hospital, Northwood, Marion Cristina, for 55 years, the loving wife of Duncan, mother of the late Jonathan & grandmother of Martin, Nicola, Stephen & Timothy, a former Governor of Bedford College & of the Retreat & much loved Borstal visitor. Cremation preceded by a Quaker Meeting for Worship at Breakspear Crematorium, Ruislip on Friday, December 6th, 3.30pm (East Chapel). Family flowers only, donations if desired to The Retreat Benevolent Fund, Heslington Road, York, YO1 5BN.

GARNHAM. On November 30th in hospital, George Bird, aged 76, dearly loved and greatly missed by his wife Dorothy, daughter Diana, Tony, Clare, and Ian. Funeral service at Golders Green Crematorium, West Chapel, Thursday, December 5th at 2pm. No flowers but donations if desired to The Farriers, Charitable Trust, 37 The Uplands, Loughton, Essex.

GILLIBRAND. HEATHER (née Gradon), on November 30 at her home. Cremation at the Chilterns Crematorium, Amersham on Thursday December 5 at 4pm. No flowers please, donations to the Hospice of St Francis, Berkhamsted, HP4 3HX.

GREGORY – Charles A.R.C.M., Hon R. A. M. 78 years of age. French Horn player. Former Chairman London Philharmonic Orchestra. Former General Manager and was made life member of Royal Philharmonic Orchestra and former manager of Boyd Neel Orchestra. Professor Royal Academy of Music, suddenly at home in Cornwall on November 28th 1985. Funeral held Monday December 2nd 1985, St Buryan Church, Interment Paul Cemetery.

GRICE-HUTCHINSON. – Edward Henry, son of Colonel and Mrs Grice-Hutchinson. So dearly loved. Suddenly on November 26. Private funeral service followed by Thanksgiving Service later. Enquiries 01-589 2789.

HADOW – On November 30, 1985, peacefully in hospital, Marie, wife of Gordon, mother of Roger and Paul. Funeral service at St Michael's Catholic Church, South Petherton at 10am, followed by private cremation. Family flowers only. No letters please.

HILL – David Smith, formerly of Hong Kong, peacefully at home with his daughter Deirdre and family on November 25, 1985, at Chaldon Rd. London, SW6 7NJ.

DEATHS

HOLLAND. – On November 29, peacefully in hospital after a long illness, patiently borne, Charles Bennett Holland D.S.C. F.F.A.R.C.S. of Quidenham, Norfolk (late of Ipswich). Most dearly loved by his wife Noel, his children, grandchildren and all his family. Funeral service at St Andrew's Quidenham, 10.30am on Friday December 6th, followed by private Cremation. Family flowers only, but donations if desired to Parkinson's Disease Society, c/o R. J. Bertram, 42 Fairland St. Wymondham, Norfolk NR18 0JS.

JOSTEN – Josef, M.B.E., journalist, broadcaster, author and publisher, suddenly at noon, on 29th November. Remembered with great affection by his family and friends. Funeral service at 11.30am, on Monday, December 9th, at St Mary's, The Boltons, London SW10. Family flowers only.

KEEP – On November 29th, aged 79, peacefully in hospital after a short illness, Philip James of Totteridge, dearly loved husband of Dorothy, father of Margaret and Irene. Formerly Director of John T. Keep and Sons Ltd. Cremation at Golders Green, on Friday, December 6th, at 2.30pm. Family flowers only, donations to the British Heart Foundation.

LEEKE – On November 28, peacefully, Margaret sister Margaret Johanna). Requiem and burial at St Mary's Convent, Wantage on December 3 at 9.30am.

LEWISOHN – On December 2, peacefully at home, Louisa, aged 48 years, beloved wife of Oscar, mother of Mark, Richard, Anita and James, daughter of Henry and Lotte Grunfeld. Cremation private. No flowers please but donations, if desired, to the Westminster Hospital Radio Therapy Research Fund.

LYNN, Irene (Bobbie) of Wylde Green, Sutton Coldfield, West Midlands on November 30, 1985, peacefully in hospital after a short illness. Beloved wife, mother and grandmother. Service at St Michael, Boldmere, Sutton Coldfield, on Friday, December 6, at 2.45pm: followed by cremation. Family flowers only please, donations if desired to Leukaemia Research Fund, c/o 4 Sunny Bank Road, Sutton Coldfield, West Midlands B73 5RE.

MARCINEK – on November 26, 1985, peacefully in Brighton General Hospital following a short illness, Helen, aged 79 years; widow of Colonel Otto Marcinek. Funeral service at St Columba's, Church of Scotland, Pont Street, London SW1, on Tuesday, December 10 at 12 noon, to be followed by interment at Kensington Cemetery, Gunnersbury Avenue. Floral tributes may be sent to the church or to G Newman & Son, 3 Trafalgar Street, Brighton. Tel: (0273) 681822 to whom enquiries should be made.

MICHELL – On 28th November, suddenly whilst on holiday in France, Alan Michell, C.M.G., husband of Jo, and father of Katherine, Nicholas and Rachel. Cremation service on Friday, 6th December, at 2pm at Charing, nr Ashford, Kent. Family flowers only, or donations if desired to Intermediate Technology, and all enquiries to D. W. Freeman, Maidstone 53033.

NEWTON – Annie (nee Haslam). On November 30th, wife of the late Robert Newton M.D., F.R.C.O.G., beloved mother of Robert, John, Isabel, David and Christopher. Much loved grandmother, great-grandmother and mother-in-law. "Neither death nor life nor anything else in creation will be able to part us from God's love in Christ Jesus Our Lord." Funeral at Stricklandgate Methodist Church, Kendal, on Thursday December 5th at 1.45pm. No flowers please donations if desired to Methodist Missionary Society or Mencap.

PARSONS – On December 1, peacefully after a long illness, Mary Monica Cecilia, sister of Jeanne and aunt of Michael, Clare and Rupert. Funeral private. Requiem mass on Monday December 9 at the Little Oratory, London SW7 at 11am.

PRINGLE – On November 30 at Wardington House, Banbury, Dorothy Emily (née Beney), aged 100 years. Widow of Dr John Pringle, MD, of Manchester and latterly of Gosforth, Cumberland. Memorial service at St Mary Magdalene Church, Wardington on Thursday December 12 at 1pm. Family flowers only.

PRITCHARD.–Charles Eric Mountford Pritchard, the son of the late George Eric Campbell Pritchard and Marion Elizabeth Weld-Forester, on November 12. Funeral service at St Peter's Church, Folkestone, on Friday, December 6 at 11 a.m. followed by cremation.

RELPH – At the Cumberland Infirmary, Carlisle, on Saturday November 30, Thomas William (Willie), aged 69 years. Dearly loved husband of Carol, Moor House, Yanwath, Penrith, and dear father of Richard and John. Funeral at Barton Church on Thursday December 5 at 12noon. Family flowers only, but if desired donations for the Marie Curie Memorial Foundation and Barton Church, may be sent to Mr R I Porter, Hedgerows, Margate Cross, Tirril, Penrith.

RODGERS. – On November 30th at home Stuart Malcolm, aged 41 years. Most beloved husband of Adriana, darling daddy of Tabitha, Caspar and Clementine. Cremation service at the south London crematorium (Principal Chapel) Rowan Road, SW16 on Wednesday, December 4th at 3pm. No flowers please but donations if desired to Imperial Cancer Research Fund.

ROSCOE – On 29th November 1985, Ernest, beloved husband of Ruth, father of Andrea. Private family funeral. No flowers but donations may be sent to Stewart Austin Walk Fund, Carmelite House, London, EC4Y 0JA. Memorial service to be announced.

RUSSELL-DAVIS. – On November 30, 1985, peacefully after a long illness, Elizabeth, dearly loved wife of John and mother of Nick and Katharine. Cremation private, service of thanksgiving at Queen Camel Parish Church, Somerset, on Friday, December 6, at 2.30pm. Family flowers only, donations in lieu if desired to The Alzheimers Disease Society, Bank Buildings, Fulham Broadway, London SW6 1EP.

SALKELD Lt Cdr. Peter James R.N., ret'd. Beloved husband of Diane, peacefully at his home December 1st. funeral 11.30am, Friday, December 6th, St Mary's Church, Lower Almondsbury, family flowers only, donations of desired to St Peters Hospice, Bristol.

SHARP – On December 1st 1985, at a Torquay Nursing Home, Andrew Burgess Sharp. Funeral service at Torquay Crematorium, on Friday, December 6th, at 12.30pm. No flowers or mourning, by his own request.

STORY. – On Monday December 2nd in hospital, Norwich, Nest Beatrice Mary, wife of the late Colonel H. H. Story M.C., Cameronians Scottish Rifles an The Woodard Schools. Mother of Christopher, Jonathan, Elizabeth and Nicolas. Funeral private.

TOWB – On November 30 at home, Elsie Dunford, adored wife of Louis, dearly loved mother, grandmother and friend. Please, please no letters. Service at All Saints Church, Gosforth on Friday December 6 at 10.15am, followed by cremation at West Road Crematorium at 11am. Flowers may be sent to J Bardgett & Sons, Westgate Rd, Newcastle upon Tyne.

WARDROP – On 30th November, peacefully at his home Bechers, Galley End, Galleywood, John, aged 74 years. Funeral service at Chelmsford crematorium on Friday, 6th December at 11 am No flowers by request.

WELFORD – on November 28, Dorothy at St Stephen's Hospital, London, SW10. Formerly of Old Church Street. Service at Chelsea Old Church, Chelsea at 2pm Friday, December 6, followed by cremation at Putney Vale Crematorium. Sadly missed by all her friends. Flowers to J H Kenyon Ltd, 49 Marloes Road, London, W8.

WILSON.–On November 30, at the Loose Valley Nursing Home, Maidstone, Ellinor, widow of Gerald Sidney Wilson, CSI, and much loved mother, grandmother and great grandmother. Cremation at Kent County Crematorium, Charing, at 2.30 p.m. on Monday, December 9. Family flowers only to Bensfield & Son, Wateringbury, Kent.

WOODCOCK. – on November 28, peacefully at Lockerley, Mary Getnocie, aged 88, Daughter, of the late Lt. Col. W.C.M. Woodcock (Indian Army), she will be remembered with much affection in the Winchester area. Funeral at Southampton Crematorium (East Chapel) at 12 noon, Thursday, December 5. Enquiries to: A. H. Cheater, Romsey 513393.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

FAULKS – A memorial service for Sir Neville Faulks will be held in The Temple Church, off Fleet St, London on Wednesday 11th December at 4.45 p.m.

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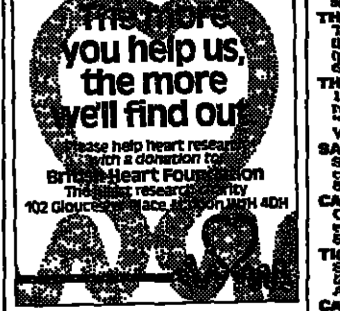

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Dated this 25th day of November 1985.

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ART GALLERIES

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BARBICAN ART GALLERY, Barbican Centre, EC2. 01-638 4141. Until 26 Jan: NIHONGA. Contemporary Japanese painting in traditional style. Adm £2 and £1. Ticket also admits to Karakuri Ningyo, an exhibition of antique 'robots' in the Barbican Concourse Gallery. Mon-Sat 10am-7.15pm, Sun & B Hols 12-7.15pm. Closed 24 & 25 Dec. Part of TOKI: Tradition in Japan Today, a festival of traditional Japanese culture in the Barbican Centre including films and foyer exhibitions.

FINE ART SOCIETY 148 New Bond Street, W.1. 01-629 5116. GREAT CITIES in the 19th Century. Extended Dec 5.

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KING STREET GALLERIES, 17 King St, St James's, S.W.1. 930 3993. CHRISTMAS EXHIBITION: Oils & Watercolours. Until 21 Dec.

LEGER, 13 Old Bond St. ANNUAL WATERCOLOUR EXHIBITION. Mon to Fri, 9.30 - 5.30. 01-629 3538.

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MUSEUM OF MANKIND, Burlington Gardens, London W1. Folk Costumes from Palestine. Until 26 January. Monday-Saturday 10-5, Sunday 2.30-6. Admission free.

NATIONAL GALLERY, Trafalgar Square, London WC2. 01-839 3321. The Artist's Eye–Francis Bacon. Until 15 Dec. Wkdys 10-6, Suns 2-6. Adm free.

PARTRIDGE (Fine Arts) Ltd. 144-146 New Bond Street, W1. An exhibition of watercolours by Algernon Amesey. Until 6th Dec. Mon-Fri 10-5.

ROYAL ACADEMY, Piccadilly 01 734 9052. German Art in the Twentieth Century. Open daily 10-6 inc Sun (reduced rate Sun until 1.45 pm). Adm £3.20, £2 conc rate.

THOMAS GIBSON FINE ART LTD, 44 New Bond Street, London, W1. 01-499 8572. EDWARD SEAGO. An Exhibition of Watercolours. 20 Nov-11 Dec. Mon-Fri 10-5.

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Today's television and radio programmes

Edited by Peter Dear and Peter Davalle

BBC 1

6.00 **Ceefax AM.**

6.50 **Breakfast Time** with Frank Bough and Selina Scott. Weather at 6.55, 7.25, 7.55, 8.25 and 8.55; regional news, weather and traffic at 6.57, 7.27, 7.57 and 8.27; national and international news at 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 and 9.00. Plus, Junior Advice Line at 7.32, with the adult version approximately an hour later; Alan Titchmarsh's gardening advice; Glynn Christian with a recipe; and Sue Barker with ideas on Christmas presents for drivers. The guest is Lulu.

9.20 **Ceefax. 10.30 Play School,** presented by Kate Copstick, with guest, Ben Bazell (r). **10.50 Ceefax.**

12.30 **News After Noon** with Richard Whitmore and Frances Coverdale includes news headlines with subtitles. **12.55** Regional news. The weather details come from Michael Fish.

1.00 **Pebble Mill at One.** Today's guests include Koo Stark who reviews her choice of films for Christmas; Howard Franklin with a new concept in flower arranging – mosaics; and Dr David Delvin who comments on current trends in treating heart disease. **1.45 Mr Benn.** A See-Saw programme for the very young (r).

2.00 **Birth Right.** Peter Huntingford continues his series on maternity services (r). **2.25 Claire Rayner's Casebook.** Miss Rayner talks to Bernard and Dudley who started the Gay Bereavement Project (r). **2.50 Ceefax. 3.52** Regional news.

3.55 **Postman Pat** (r). **4.10 SuperTed.** Animated adventures of a magical bear. **4.15 Jonny Briggs.** Part eight of the serial about a young boy who lives with his parents in the north of England. **4.30 Spy Trap.** Who will unravel the identity of a traitor? **4.45 So You Want to be Top,** presented by Gary Wilmot and Leni Harper.

5.00 **John Craven's Newsround. 5.10 Grange Hill.** Episode 13 of the serial about the pupils and staff of a comprehensive school (r) (Ceefax).

5.35 **Masterteam.**

6.00 **News** with Sue Lawley and Nicholas Witchell. Weather.

6.35 **London Plus.**

7.00 **Telly Addicts.** The Pain family are still unbeaten and this week they are challenged by the Evans clan from Brynmawr, Gwent.

7.30 **EastEnders.** Dr Legg has an idea about the problem of Lou but Pauline is reluctant to act (Ceefax).

8.00 **Hold the Back Page!** Ken meets an old cricketing hero of his youth at a charity dinner and smells a story when the man refuses to talk about an old fellow-cricketer. Starring David Warner (Ceefax).

8.50 **Points of View.** Barry Took with another selection of letters from the BBC's mailbag.

9.00 **A Party Political Broadcast** on behalf of the SDP.

9.10 **News** with Julia Somerville and John Humphrys. Weather.

9.35 **Cagney and Lacey.** The two detectives investigate a case of counterfeit jeans; and the problem of a subway mugging hero who turns out to be an illegal immigrant (Ceefax).

10.25 **Film 85** presented by Barry Norman includes extracts from Back to the Future and an interview with the film's maker, Steven Spielberg; and a review of Ridley Scott's Legend.

11.10 **Your Mind in Their Hands.** How mental disorders are treated on the National Health Service (r).

11.35 **The Rock Gospel Show.** The guests include Maria Muldaur and Lon Satton (r).

12.10 **Weather.**

TV-am

6.15 **Good Morning Britain** presented by Anne Diamond and Henry Kelly. News with Gordon Honeycombe at 6.17, 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 and 9.00; exercises at 6.20; sport at 6.35 and 7.34; regional report at 7.15; cartoon at 7.24; and pop video at 7.54; Grossman's ghosts at 8.15; film review at 8.34; winter sunshine holiday advice at 9.12.

ITV/LONDON

9.25 **Thames news headlines.**

9.30 **Schools:** part one of a Russian-made version of Robinson Crusoe. 9.48 Exploring the relationship between exercise and health. 10.01 Methods of flying used by different animals. 10.22 Looking at things with a scientific eye. 10.42 The art of storytelling.

11.00 **Wild Wild World of Animals** The wildlife of the Serengeti. **11.25 Indian Legends of Canada.** A young man learns that true love needs no tests. **11.50 Cartoon Time** (r). **12.00 Flicks.** Christopher Lillicrap with the tale of Wynken, Blynken and Nod. **12.10 Rainbow.** Learning with puppets.

12.30 **The Sullivans.**

1.00 **News at One** with Leonard Parkin. **1.20 Thames News. 1.30 Gems.** The fifth of a series of seven compilations of the serial set in a fashion design workshop in Covent Garden.

2.30 **Daytime.** Sarah Kennedy chairs a studio discussion between smoking's pro and anti lobbies. **3.00 Cross Wits.** Crossword game presented by Barry Cryer. The guests are Anna Raeburn and Willie Rushton. **3.25 Thames news headlines. 3.30 The Young Doctors.** Medical drama series.

4.00 **Flicks.** A repeat of the programme shown at noon. **4.10 Thomas the Tank Engine and Friends** (r). **4.20 Dangermouse.** Cartoon adventures of a secret agent rodent (r). **4.45 Splash.**

5.15 **Blockbusters.** Bob Holness with another round of the general knowledge game.

5.45 **News. 6.00 Thames news.**

6.25 **Reporting London** presented by Michael Barratt. Jackie Spreckley investigates Scotland Yard's new approach to rape cases, designed to be more humanitarian to the reported victims and to encourage those who might be too frightened to inform the police.

7.00 **Emmerdale Farm.** Amos Brearly is not shy at coming forward into the Christmas festivity-organizing limelight.

7.30 **Name That Tune.** Fast-moving music game presented by Lionel Blair. The contestants are from Salford and Widnes.

8.00 **Des O'Connor Tonight.** The entertainer's guests are Pamela Stephenson, Marti Webb, Clive James, Mick Miller and Imagination.

9.00 **Heart of the High Country.** Part four of the drama series set in New Zealand at the end of the 19th century and Ceci, now widowed, is finding it difficult to run her vast sheep station.

10.00 **A Party Political Broadcast** on behalf of the SDP.

10.10 **News at Ten** and weather followed by Thames news headlines.

10.40 **First Tuesday: Inside Britain's Bomb.** Jonathan Dimbleby presents a documentary about Britain's nuclear bomb industry.

11.40 **The Streets of San Francisco.** Detectives Stone and Keller clear an innocent man of a murder charge but discover that he had been blackmailed over a crime committed 25 years before (r).

12.35 **Night Thoughts.**

The strange case of Yukio Mishima: BBC 2, 9.55 pm

CHOICE

● Absolutely comprehensible was Yukio Mishima's declared aim of reviving the soul of the Samurai within himself. After all, the writer and sometime actor did have Samurai blood in his veins, and he knew that the art of flower arrangement was not the be all and end all of his country's aspirations: there was also the question of the warrior spirit that had lain dormant since Japan's defeat in 1945. All this is known, and is duly recorded in Michael McIntyre's *Arena* film **THE STRANGE CASE OF YUKIO MISHIMA** (BBC2, 9.55pm). But the film also pushes its nose into much more interesting areas in trying to unravel the mystery of Mishima's Samurai-style suicide, by hara-kiri. A political act? A work of art? The action of a psychotic? A homosexual's suicide pact? Every explanation is tested tonight and, ultimately, found wanting. The riddle of Yukio Mishima is left intact.

● I had early misgivings about Anthony Page's **BILL** (Channel 4, 9.00pm), the story of a nice young couple who "adopt" an equally nice but mentally retarded man in his fifties. Everything seemed set for two hours of unabashed mawkishness. In the event, this American TV film stays well within the acceptable limits of sentimentality, thanks largely to Mickey Rooney's uncannily realistic performance in the title role, and a script (by Corey Blechman) that intelligently argues the strong case for the community to be more sensitively attuned to the confused yearnings of the mentally sick.

● **FAITH IN THE CITY** (Radio 4, 9.30pm), a special Tuesday edition of *Soundings*, normally heard on Saturdays, evaluates the findings of the church report on inner-city decay that has caused such a rumpus. Rosemary Hartill, the BBC's religious affairs correspondent, visits Tyneside to match her findings against the report's.

● Other radio highlights: Michael Charlton's one-hour encounter with David Steel, the Liberal leader (Radio 3, 8.00pm); Chris Kelly's **CINEMA SCRAPBOOK** (Radio 2, 10.00pm) which takes us back to the year of *Casablanca*, 1943; and Rosalind Corfe's **BLUE HEAVEN** (Radio 4, 11.00am), a touching tale of a mother who seeks refuge in fantasy after losing her new-born baby. Splendidly acted by Emma Piper and (as the husband), by Tim Pigott-Smith.

Peter Davalle

BBC 2

9.00 **Ceefax.**

9.20 **Daytime on Two:** The last of ten programmes for the moderately mentally handicapped young adult. 9.35 French conversation. 9.52 Maths: column graphs. 10.15 The final episode of the ghost story for children, Dark Towers. 10.38 Defending the coastlines of Dorset and Hampshire. 11.00 Puppet version of Prokofiev's Peter and the Wolf. 11.17 Intensive farming on the outskirts of Tokyo. 11.39 Science: relationships.

12.00 French language version of the programme profiling the skiing gendarme. 12.30 Lesson ten of the German conversation course for beginners. 12.55 Learning English by watching popular television programmes. 1.20 Spanish conversation. 1.38 The senses. 2.00 For four and five-year-olds. 2.15 Near and far. 2.40 Science: reproduction and survival.

3.00 **Ceefax.**

5.30 **News Summary** with subtitles. Weather.

5.35 **Great Experiments.** Professor Heinz Wolff tells the story of Charles Babbage, a mathematician who, in the 1840s, became impatient with the mathematical tables of the time and built his own 'difference engine' – a precursor of the modern computer.

6.00 **Tucker's Luck.** Tucker's relationship with Natalie is undergoing strain.

6.25 **Open to Question.** Teenagers from all over the country put questions to committed Christian and pop star, Cliff Richard.

7.00 **Whistle Test** includes live performances by New Order, Fine Young Cannibals and John Cale: On film, Big Audio Dynamite, and a 1978 hindsight performance by The Jam.

8.00 **Call My Bluff.** Arthur Marshall is joined by Sue Cook and Julian Pettifer; Frank Muir by Angela Pleasence and Timothy West.

8.30 **Food and Drink.** This week's programme includes a comprehensive guide to buying and cooking fresh wet fish; and a good cheese guide for the festive season.

9.00 **Ties of Blood: Invitation to a Party,** by Graham Reid. Matthew, a young clerk in the Pay Corps, stationed in Northern Ireland, with a devoted wife and family at home in Scotland, accepts, with two of his mates, an invitation to a night out. The trio discover that some invitations can be more deadly than others. Starring David Bannerman and Lise Ann McLaughlin.

9.55 **Arena: The Strange Case of Yukio Mishima.** (see Choice).

10.50 **A Party Political Broadcast** on behalf of the SDP.

11.00 **Newsnight.** The latest national and international news.

11.45 **Weather.**

CHANNEL 4

2.35 **Gallery.** The final edition of the art quiz, presented by George Melly. The regular team captains, Frank Whitford and Maggi Hambling are joined by Vincent Price and Ernest Pascoe and students Matilda Tumin and Shuna Mitchell (r).

3.00 **Sea War.*** This week's episode in the series about the part the Royal Navy played in the winning of the Second World War focuses on two menaces – the Bismark and the Tirpitz.

3.30 **World of Animation.**

3.45 **Years Ahead.** This week's edition includes Paul Lewis discussing with Sally Greengross of Age Concern the country-wide disparities in heating allowances; a visit to Mars' social club for their retired employees; and an item on the war pilgrims to the Far East.

4.30 **Countdown.** Yesterday's winner is challenged by June Fawcett from Leeds.

5.00 **Bewitched.** Darrin's cold is cured by his mother-in-law's doctor and Darrin believes he could make a fortune using the man's methods.

5.30 **Make it Pay.** Stephen Atkinson's series on hobbies that could make money continues with details of decorative ironwork and flower pressing. (Oracle).

6.00 **Citizen 2000.** First shown in December 1982, this programme introduces the 15 children and their parents who are the subjects of a project designed to follow their progress until they reach their majority in the year 2000.

7.00 **Channel Four News.**

7.50 **Comment** from publisher John Calder. Weather.

8.00 **Brookside.** Lucy Collins takes James back to what she thinks is an empty house but finds herself being lectured to by Carol on the dangers of married men.

8.30 **4 What It's Worth.** John Stoneborough examines the claims and selling methods of a fast-growing nutritional product; Bill Breckon reports on Sunday Trading moves while Penny Junor presents the results of a special poll on the British public's attitudes towards trading on the Sabbath; and David Stafford discusses premium bonds.

9.00 **Film: Bill** (1981) starring Mickey Rooney. A made-for-television drama about a mentally-retarded man who has to adjust to everyday New York life after spending years in institutions. Directed by Anthony Page (see Choice).

10.50 **Individual Voices: Dollar Brand.** The music of Abdullah Ibrahim, recorded at the 1981 Camden Jazz Festival.

11.45 **The Green Tie on the Little Yellow Dog.** The final programme of the series tracing the history of the Dramatic Monologue includes the last recorded performance of Arthur Askey (r). Ends at 12.10.

Radio 4

On long wave. † Also VHF stereo.

5.55 Shipping. 6.00 News Briefing; Weather. 6.10 Farming. 6.25 Prayer.

6.30 Today, incl 6.30, 7.30, 8.30 News. 6.45 Business News. 6.55, 7.55 Weather. 7.00, 8.00 News. 7.20 Your Letters. 7.25, 8.25 Sport. 7.45 Thought for the Day. 8.35 Yesterday in Parliament. 8.57 Weather; Travel.

9.00 News.

9.05 Tuesday Call: 01-580 4411. Single-parent families. Listeners can speak to journalist Liz McNeill Taylor and Julie Kaufmann, general secretary of Gingerbread. Chaired by Judith Chalmers (lines open from 8.00 am).

10.00 News; From Our Own Correspondent. BBC reporters talk about the countries they work in.

10.30 Morning Story: Struck Off by Michael A. Pearson. Reader: Timothy Kightley.

10.45 Daily Service. Advent Calendar: The Slavery of God's People.

11.00 News; Travel; Thirty-Minute Theatre: Blue Heaven, by Rosalind Corfe and Daphne Epton. With Tim Pigott-Smith and Emma Piper.† (see Choice).

11.33 Solomon Grundy. Phil Smith continues his cradle-to-the-grave exploration of life in the mill towns of north-east Lancashire by listening to experiences of growing old.

12.00 News; You and Yours. Consumer advice, with Pattie Coldwell.

12.27 Michael Parkinson celebrates his enthusiasms with the help of the BBC Sound Archives. 12.55 Weather.

1.00 The World At One: News.

1.40 The Archers. 1.55 Shipping.

2.00 News; Woman's Hour. Includes a discussion with women cartoonists, including Posy Simmonds, Claire Bretcher, Christine Roche and Viv Quillen. Also part six of Breath of Life, read by Margaret Tyzack.

3.00 The Afternoon Play: Fanny Rosen's Bad Debt, by Sam Jacobs. With Lila Kaye. The setting: a grocery shop in Birmingham, in the late 1940s.†

4.00 News.

4.05 The Food Programme. Director of the Health Education Council, Dr David Player, in a diet and health discussion.

4.30 Kaleidoscope. Includes comment on 1919 at the National Film Theatre, and The Pajama Game, at Leicester Haymarket Theatre.

5.00 PM. News magazine. 5.50 Shipping. 5.55 Weather.

6.00 News; Financial Report.

6.30 Top of the Form. Scotland versus the Home Counties (r).†

7.00 News.

7.05 The Archers.

7.20 File on 4. Irish affairs expert David McKittrick examines the Anglo-Irish Agreement.

8.00 The Tuesday Feature: The Great Canadian novel (2).

8.30 Jasmine Beckford Special: Programme about the Brent Council inquiry into the case of the four-year-old girl beaten to death, after being tortured, by her stepfather.

9.15 In Touch. Magazine programme for people with a visual handicap.

9.30 Soundings Special: Faith in the City. An assessment of the report, commissioned by the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Robert Runcie and published today, examining recent inner-city rioting and looting. With BBC Religious Affairs Correspondent, Rosemary Hartill. (see Choice).

10.15 A Book at Bedtime: Palace of Green Days by Fred Urquart (7). Reader: Gwyneth Guthrie. 10.29 Weather.

10.30 The World Tonight.

11.15 The Financial World Tonight.

11.30 Today in Parliament.

12.33 Shipping.

VHF (available in England and S Wales only) as above except: 5.55-6.00am Weather; Travel. 11.00-12.00 For Schools: 11.00 Time for Tune. 11.20 Time to Move. 11.40 Musicianship. 1.55-3.00pm For Schools: 1.55 Listening Corner. 2.05 History: Not So Long Ago. 2.25 Contact. 2.40 Pictures in Your Mind (stories). 5.50-5.55 PM (continued). 12.30-1.10am Schools Night-time Broadcasting. Help Yourself to Biology – Human Physiology: 12.30 The Capillary Network – a Leaky System. 12.50 The Circulation System at Work.

BBC 1 Wales: 9.20am-9.45 Masterteam. 9.45-10.30 Ceefax. 5.35pm-6.00 Wales Today. 6.35-7.00 The Chris Stuart Cha Chat Show. 9.35-10.25 Welsh Sports Personality of the Year 1985. 10.25-11.10 Cagney and Lacey. 12.10am-12.15 News and weather. Scotland: 10.20-10.30am Dotaman. 6.35pm-7.00 Reporting Scotland. 10.25-11.20 BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra Anniversary Concert. 11.20-12.05am Film '85. 12.05-12.30 Your Mind in Their Hands. 12.30-12.35 News and weather. Northern Ireland: 5.35pm-5.40 Today's sport. 5.40-6.00 Inside Ulster. 6.35-7.00 Masterteam. 7.00-7.30 Cook with Clare, Christmas Special. 11.10-11.45 Happy Families. 11.45-12.20am The Rock Gospel Show. 12.20-12.25 News and weather. England: North East only: 12.00-12.30pm East on Two. 6.35-7.00 Regional news magazines.

HTV WEST As London except: 11.00 am Never Too Early, Never Too Late. 11.30-12.00 Cop and the Kid. 1.20 pm-1.30 News. 6.00 News. 6.35-7.00 Crossroads. 11.40 Working Alternatives. 12.10 Closedown.

HTV WALES As HTV West except: 6.00 pm-6.35 Wales at Six.

GRANADA As London except: 11.00am-12.00 Sesame Street. 1.20pm-1.30 News. 3.30-4.00 Sons and Daughters. 6.00 This is Your Right. 6.05 Crossroads. 6.30-7.00 Granada Reports. 11.40 The Master. 12.40am Closedown.

REGIONAL TELEVISION VARIATIONS

YORKSHIRE As London except: 11.00am Escape to Freedom. 11.25 Foo Foo. 11.30-12.00 That's Hollywood. 12.30pm-1.00 Calendar Lunchtime Live. 1.20-1.30 Calendar. 3.30-4.00 Country Practice. 6.00 Calendar. 6.35-7.00 Crossroads. 11.40 All Kinds of Country. 12.10am Closedown.

ULSTER As London except: 11.00am 3-2-1 Contact. 11.30-12.00 Fireball XL5. 1.20pm-1.30 Lunchtime. 3.30-4.00 Beverly Hillbillies.* 6.00 Good Evening, Ulster. 6.35-7.00 Crossroads. 8.00-9.00 British Airways Tourism Endeavour Awards. 11.40 Rock of the Seventies. 12.05am News, Closedown.

GRAMPIAN As London except: 11.00am-12.00 Magic in the Sky. 12.30pm-1.00 Gardening Time. 1.20-1.30 News. 5.15-5.45 Emmerdale Farm. 6.00 North Tonight. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00-7.30 Diff'rent Strokes. 11.40 Legmen. 12.40am News, Closedown.

TSW As London except: 11.00am Fireball XL5. 11.25 Foo Foo. 11.30-12.00 Harpsichord Builders. 12.30pm-1.00 Survival. 1.20-1.30 News. 3.25-4.00 Sons and Daughters. 5.15 Gus Honeybun. 5.20-5.45 Crossroads. 6.00 Today South West. 6.25 Televiews. 6.30-7.00 Newhart. 11.40 Postscript. 11.45 The Baron. 12.46am Closedown.

TVS As London except: 11.00 am-12.00 Golden Express. 1.20 pm News. 1.30-2.30 Country Practice. 3.00-3.30 Questions. 5.15-5.45 Sons and Daughters. 6.00 Coast to Coast. 6.25 Police 5. 6.35-7.00 Crossroads. 11.40 Champions. 12.40 Company, Closedown.

SCOTTISH As London except: 11.00 am BFA Short. 11.05-12.00 Tarzan. 12.30 pm-1.00 Gardening Time. 1.20-1.30 News. 3.30-4.00 Sons and Daughters. 5.15-5.45 Emmerdale Farm. 6.00 News and Scotland Today. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00-7.30 Diff'rent Strokes. 11.40 Late Call. 11.45 Mysteries of Edgar Wallace.* 12.40 am Closedown.

ANGLIA As London except: 11.00am Short Story Theatre. 11.30-12.00 Land of the Dragon. 12.30pm-1.00 Gardens for All. 1.20-1.30 News. 5.15-5.45 Emmerdale Farm. 6.00 About Anglia. 6.35 Crossroads. 7.00-7.30 Bygones. 11.40 All Star Jazz. 12.35am Take for Example, Closedown.

CENTRAL As London except: 11.00am-12.00 Versailles. 12.30pm-1.00 Gardening Time. 1.20-1.30 News. 6.00 Crossroads. 6.25-7.00 News. 11.40 Streets of San Francisco. 12.40am Closedown.

S4C Starts 1.00pm Countdown. 1.30 Alice. 2.00 Hwnt ac Yma. 2.20 Ffalabalam– 2.35 Hyn o Fyd. 2.55 Eg/Interval. 3.25 World of Basketball. 4.25 Bewitched. 4.55 Hanner Awr Fawr. 5.30 Betty White Show. 6.00 Winston Churchill – Valiant Years. 6.30 Penigamp. 7.00 Newddion Saith. 7.30 Cefn Gwlad. 8.00 Paul Hogan Show. 8.30 Man About the House. 9.00 Tan Tro Nesa. 9.45 Wythnos ym Mai. 10.25 Adultery. 11.10 Film: Sebastiane. 12.45am Close down.

CHANNEL As London except: 11.00am Fireball XL5. 11.30-12.00 Harpsichord Builders. 12.30pm-1.00 Survival. 1.20-1.30 News. 3.25-4.00 Sons and Daughters. 5.15-5.45 Studio One in Concert. 6.00 Channel Report. 6.25-7.00 Jersey Budget. 10.00-10.10 Mel Hague with Country Mood. 11.40 Jack Duff & The Gary Lloyd Sound. 11.45 The Baron. 12.45am Closedown.

BORDER As London except: 11.00 12.00 Professor Kitzel. 1.20pm-1.30 News. 3.30-4.00 Sons and Daughters. 6.00 Lookaround. 6.35-7.00 Crossroads. 11.40 Function Room. 12.10am News, Closedown.

TYNE TEES As London except: 11–00am Rock of the Seventies. 11.30 Lost Kingdoms. 1.20pm-1.30. News. 6.00 Northern Life. 6.35-7.00 Crossroads. 11.40 What do you Mean by God. Closedown.

WHAT THE SYMBOLS MEAN

† Stereo. ★ Black and white. (r) Repeat

Radio 3

6.55 Weather. 7.00 News.

7.05 Morning Concert: Mozart's Symphony in C, K 213C (Academy of Ancient Music); Brahms's Three German folk songs (Schwarzkopf, Fischer-Dieskau and Gerald Moore (piano)); Grainger's Handel in the Strand, and other works (Light Music Society Orchestra); Handel's Consider, fond shepherd (Martyn Hill, tenor and English Baroque Soloists); Copland's Four Dance Episodes (Rodeo) played by James Tocco, piano)†. 8.00 News.

8.05 Morning Concert: Smetana's Vysehrad, Ma Vlast (Boston SO); Haydn's Five Scottish Folk Songs (Nelson, soprano; Elliott, tenor; Academy of Ancient Music); Vaughan Williams's Five Variants of Dives and Lazarus (English String Orchestra); Strauss's symphonic poem Till Eulenspiegel (Cleveland Orchestra). 9.00 News.

9.05 This Week's Composers: Haydn's contemporaries. Wagenseil's Symphony in D (Camerata Bern); Florian Leopold Gassmann's String Quartet No 3 in E minor (Vienna Concentus Musicus Quartet); Mozart's String Quartet in D minor, K 1173 (Esterhazy Quartet); Gluck's ballet Don Juan (finale) played by English Baroque Soloists)†.

10.00 Alberic Magnard: Suisse Romande play the Symphony No 3†.

10.40 BBC Singers: Brahms's Five Songs for mixed chorus, Op 104; Wolf's Six Eichendorff Songs†.

11.10 Haydn and Shostakovich: Trio Zingara play Haydn's Trio in E flat, H XV 29, and Shostakovich's Trio No 2 in E minor, Op 67†.

12.05 Midday Concert: BBC Scottish SO (under Maksymiuk). With Christian Zacharias (piano). Part one. Lyell Cresswell's Speak for us, great sea; Mozart's Piano Concerto No 24†. 1.00 News.

1.05 Midday Concert: part two. Sibelius's Symphony No 1†.

1.50 Guitar Encores: Eduardo Fernandez plays Sor's Sonata No 1 in C, Op 22†.

2.15 Handel, Bach, Schreker: Handel's Sonata in D minor Op 1, No 9 (Michala, David and Hanne Petri); Bach's Sonata in E flat, BWV 1031 (Michala and Hanne Petri); Bach's Concerto in C, BWV 1061 (Clara Haskil and Geza Anda, pianos and Philharmonic Orchestra)†. 3.00 Interval reading.

3.05 Concert: continued. Bach's Prelude and Fugue in E flat, BWV 552 (Austrian Radio SO); Schreker's Chamber Symphony (Berlin Radio SO)†.

4.00 Song recital: Mary King (mezzo), Andrew Ball (piano). Mendelssohn works including Neue Liebe and Venezianisches Gondellied; Poulenc's Quatre poèmes d'Apollinaire; Satie's Quatres petites melodies; La Diva de l'empire; Bartok's Five Songs, Op 15†. 4.55 News.

5.00 Mainly for Pleasure: recorded music selection, presented by Roger Nichols†.

6.30 Early Music: Hilliard Ensemble and Ensemble of Viols play secular music by Tallis†.

6.55 Francois Couperin: Suite de Symphonie en Trio No 1 (Academy of Ancient Music)†.

7.10 More Penge Papers: Brian Wright reads more pages from his humorous work (5).

7.30 Elgar: LPO under Boult play Grania and Diarmid: incidental music and funeral march; Wand of Youth Suite, No 1†.

8.00 David Steel, the Liberal Party leader, in conversation with Michael Charlton. Next Tuesday night: an interview with the Labour leader, Neil Kinnock.

9.00 Now and Then: Amphion String Quartet, with Penelope Walmsley-Clark (soprano), Keith Marshall (oboe), Ian Mitchell (clarinet), Adrian Levine (violin). Finzi's Interlude; Jane Wells's Composition for clarinet and string quartet; Jennifer Fowler's Voice of the Shades; Howells's Rhapsodic Quintet†.

10.00 Jazz Today: Charles Fox presents Sunwind†.

11.00 A Moyse Legacy: Mozart's Serenade in B flat, for 13 wind instruments, K 361 (Marlborough Alumni under Marcel Moyse)†.

11.57 News. 12.00 Closedown.

Radio 2

4.00am Colin Berry.† 6.00 Ray Moore.† 8.05 Ken Bruce.† 10.30 Angela Rippon. Medical questions answered by Dr Mike Smith.† 1.05pm David Jacobs.† 2.00 Gloria Hunniford.† 3.30 Music All The Way.† 4.00 David Hamilton.† 6.00 John Dunn.† 8.00 Hubert Gregg says I Call it Style (Paul Whiteman). 9.00 BBC Radio Orchestra with vocalist Colin Anthony. 9.55 Sports Desk. 10.00 Cinema Scrapbook: Soundtrack Memories of 1943 (Chris Kelly). 10.30 Brain of Sport 1985. Mansel Davies, Kerris Edwards and Philip Kinsella compete in the second semi-final. 11.00 Brian Matthew presents Round Midnight (stereo from midnight). 1.00am Bill Rennells presents Nightride.† 3.00-4.00 A Little Night Music.†

Radio 1

6.00am Adrian John. 7.30 Mike Read. 9.30 Simon Bates. 12.30pm Newsbeat (Frank Partridge). 12.45 Gary Davies. 3.00 Steve Wright. 5.30 Newsbeat. 5.45 Bruno Brookes. Includes Top 40 singles chart. 7.30 Janice Long with, at 9.00 John Walker. 10.00-12.00 John Peel.†

WORLD SERVICE

6.00 Newsdesk. 7.00 News. 7.09 Twenty-Four Hours. 7.30 Images of Britain. 7.45 Network UK. 8.00 News. 8.09 Reflections. 8.15 Development '85. 8.30 Beethoven and the Violin. 9.00 News. 9.09 Review of the British Press. 9.15 The World Today. 9.30 Financial News. 9.40 Look Ahead. 9.45 What's New. 10.00 News. 10.01 Discovery. 10.30 Kipps. 11.00 News. 11.09 News About Britain. 11.15 A Letter from Scotland. 12.00 Radio Newsreel. 12.15 The Tudors. 12.45 Sports Roundup. 1.00 News. 1.09 Twenty-Four Hours. 1.30 Network UK. 1.45 Recording of the Week. 2.00 Outlook. 2.45 The Sacred Choir. 3.00 Radio Newsreel. 3.15 A Jolly Good Show. 4.00 News. 4.09 Commentary. 4.15 Omnibus. 4.45 The World Today. 5.00 News. 5.09 A Letter from Scotland. 5.15 Meridian. 6.00 News. 6.09 Twenty-Four Hours. 6.15 From the Promenade Concerts. 10.00 News. 10.09 The World Today. 10.25 A Letter from Scotland. 10.30 Financial News. 10.40 Reflections. 10.45 Sports Roundup. 11.00 News. 11.09 Commentary. 11.15 Sing Gospel. 11.30 The Tudors. 12.00 News. 12.09 News About Britain. 12.15 Radio Newsreel. 12.30 Omnibus. 1.00 News. 1.01 Outlook. 1.30 Report On Religion. 1.45 Country Style. 2.00 News. 2.09 Review of the British Press. 2.15 Sex and Violence and Opera. 2.30 Kipps. 3.00 News. 3.09 News About Britain. 3.15 The World Today. 3.30 Discovery. 4.00 Newsdesk. 4.30 Waveguide. 4.40 Book Choice. 5.45 The World Today.

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ENTERTAINMENTS

OPERA & BALLET

COLISEUM S 836 3161 CC 240 5258 ENGLISH NATIONAL OPERA Ton't 7.00, last perf. Faust. Tomor 7.00 Don Giovanni.

ROYAL OPERA HOUSE Covent Garden WC2. 01-240 1066/1911. Access, Visa, Diners Club. S Standby info 01-836 6903. Mon-Sat. 65 amphi seats avail from 10am on the day.

THE ROYAL BALLET Ton't, Fri 7.30 The Sleeping Beauty. Wed 7.30 Giselle (new production). Ballet Casting info 01-240 9815.

THE ROYAL OPERA Thur, Sat 7.30 La fanciulla del West. Mon 7.00 Le nozze di Figaro.

SADLER'S WELLS 278 8916 Until Dec 21. Eves 7.30 pm. LONDON CONTEMPORARY DANCE THEATRE Until Sat: Bridge the Distance (Davies), Moves (Robbins), Rite Electrik (Jobe).

CONCERTS

BARBICAN HALL Barbican Centre, EC2. 01-638 8891/628 8795. Ton't 7.45 London Symphony Orchestra. Tenth Anniversary Tribute to the City University Music Department. Lukas Foss cond. Stephen Hough piano. BAINBRIDGE: Fanfare MOZART: Piano Concerto No 21 in C, K467.

VICTOR HOCHHAUSER presents at THE BARBICAN tomor 7.45, London Symphony Orchestra. Brian Wright cond. [illegible] violin. WEBER: Overture to "Oberon". VAUGHAN WILLIAMS: Fantasia on 'Greensleeves'. BRUCH: Violin Concerto No 1. BEETHOVEN: Symphony No 6 "Pastoral".

THEATRES

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COMEDY S 930 2578 CC 839 1438 Keith Prowse 741 9999 (240 7200 7 day/24 hr). Grp Sales 930 6123 Eves 8.0. Wed Mats 3.0. Sats 5.0 & 8.30. "Remarkable achievement" Time ROYAL SHAKESPEARE CO's CAMILLE by Pam Gems. Dir Ron Daniels "THERE IS NOTHING TO BEAT THIS" T. Out "FRANCES BARBER'S MAGNIFICENT CAMILLE" Gdn "MARVELLOUS" City Lmts "A COMPELLING EVENING" N Statesman. RSC also at the Barbican

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Leicester mine leaders back breakaway ballot

By Barrie Clement, Labour Reporter

Leaders of Leicestershire miners yesterday voted by thre to one to hold a ballot on leaving the National Union of Mineworkers, but not necessarily to join the existing breakaway group set up in Nottinghamshire and South Derbyshire.

Mr Jack Jones, area secretary, said after the eight-hour meeting, that there had been "no mention" of joining the Union of Democratic Mineworkers, which is due to win legal status at the end of the week.

Instead Mr Jones, an NUM loyalist, said that if there was a yes vote the 2,200 Leicestershire pitmen could form an independent organization.

The vote by the council came after pit head meetings in which three out of four collieries urged their leaders to organize a referendum.

While the decision will infuriate UDM enthusiasts who expected the vote to be a straight choice between them and the NUM, it will increase pressure on the national union's executive which meets on Thursday to discuss the Coal Board's refusal to meet them on pay until they accept the principle of bonus payments. Members of the emerging UDM already are being paid a rise for 6-7 per cent which includes productivity pay.

No date was fixed for the ballot of Leicestershire pitmen, but there will be a meeting of all branch representatives on Saturday and it also is hoped to organize a mass meeting.

Mr Jones believed his area could form an effective bridge between the two miners' unions and he urged them both to discuss their differences.

In a reference to the leaders of the two organizations he said: "I don't think some of the members love Roy Lynk, but it's the same for Arthur Scargill and Heathfield."

Mr David Prendergast, financial officer of the breakaway Nottinghamshire area, reacted angrily to the decision of the Leicestershire area council. He said the mandate that went forward at least from Ellistown, the biggest colliery in the area, was to hold a ballot on leaving the NUM and joining the UDM.

"Mr Jones might have his own thoughts on what should or should not be done, but I'm confident that Leicestershire will eventually be part of the UDM.

● A legal threat to the establishment of the UDM was removed by a High Court judge in London yesterday.

Mr Justice Walton refused to grant the former President of the South Derbyshire National Union of Mineworkers an order requiring the disclosure of detailed voting figures in October's ballot, which approved the area's amalgamation with the new union.

TGWU agrees to new laws on union elections

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lenges through the courts which could have led to heavy damages being levied.

The union's electoral system, devised 40 years ago by Ernest Bevin, makes it difficult for the TGWU to stay within the law, even if the rules revision conference accepts the change. The employment legislation demands that each member must be given the opportunity to vote in executive elections but at the moment the union has no means of tracing all 1.5 million trade group members.

The proposal to be put to the conference is that a representative from each trade group will be elected directly on to the executive by the full membership. It is possible that January's elections will have to be postponed because the requirement cannot be met.

Mr Todd said recent newspaper accusations had been "totally scurrilous and unfounded", but made it clear that encouragement from ministers for TGWU members to mount challenges to the elections was the deciding factor in yesterday's executive deliberations.

Church defends report on cities

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Even allowing for the Urban Programme, and particularly with respect to Rate Support grants, he said" there were fewer resources being made available.

Sir Richard deplored instant reactions to the 400-page report and its statistics, saying he hoped it would be seen as a serious study

The commission accepted the Government's philosophy to the extent that it thought *individualism and self-reliance* were important virtues. Society needed the virtues of corporate and collective action as well.

Another member of the commission on urban priority areas, the Bishop of Liverpool, the Right Rev David Sheppard, said on BBC radio yesterday that the report "gave credit where credit was due," but it was necessary to give greater priority to needs of inner cities

In the same programme Mr Baker called the commission's proposals "Throwing money at the problem"

The Bishop replied: "I hope that he, as he said he would, will see to it that this very substantial and very carefully researched report, by people who know a great deal about the cities, is given very close attention, and not rubbished before it is even published."

Strong Roman Catholic support came yesterday from the Archbishop of Liverpool, Monsignor Derek Worlock,

In the absence of the president, Cardinal Basil Hume, who is in Rome, he called for careful consideration for the report.

● The Government's anxiety to discredit the Church of England's report on the inner cities before its official launching today did nothing to diminish interest in its findings *among Conservative and Opposition MPs* yesterday (Our Political Editor writes).

It became clear yesterday that the 400-page report, which was available at several London bookshops by the end of last week, had been studied carefully by ministers.

The Government's considered view is that the analysis of urban problems made by the *Archbishop of Canterbury's* commission breaks no new ground.

Mrs Bonner (left) with a friend yesterday during an emotional farewell at Moscow's Sheremetyevo airport.

Bonner departure raises hope for dissidents

From Christopher Walker, Moscow

Mrs Yelena Bonner, the frail-looking wife of Dr Andrei Sakharov, the Soviet Union's most prominent dissident, yesterday flew in to Italy for medical treatment, in a conciliatory move linked to last month's summit between Mr Mikhail Gorbachov and President Reagan.

The decision to allow Mrs Bonner, aged 62, to leave from exile in the town of Gorky has raised hopes that the thaw in the East-West climate might improve conditions for other dissidents.

Because of a ban on contact with the media, the appearance of Mrs Bonner in Moscow for the first time in 18 months brought no fresh information about the condition of her husband, who was banished to Gorky, 250 miles from Moscow, in January 1980.

Although Mrs Bonner, who suffers from an eye condition, left Sheremetyevo airport like a celebrity, surrounded by the glare of Western television lights, she stuck rigidly to the terms of an agreement with the authorities, and refused any discussion with the scores of reporters.

Diplomatic sources said the agreement requires her to refuse to talk to the media during her stay abroad as the condition which will allow her to return to live with her husband, the Nobel Prize-winning physicist whose own health has become a subject of international concern in recent years.

Clutching a bouquet of red carnations handed to her by friends who came for an emotional farewell, Mrs Bonner told reporters politely but firmly in Russian: "I will not contact any correspondents. I will not give any interview, as I have signed an agreement."

Dr Sakharov, who helped to develop the hydrogen bomb, had staged a number of protests, including a hunger strike, to persuade the authorities to permit his wife to get vital treatment abroad.

Mrs Bonner was finally told that she could leave, under strict conditions, shortly before last months's summit.

She was banished to Gorky, which is out of bounds to foreigners, in May 1984, accused of anti-Soviet acitivities.

After filling in customs forms yesterday, Mrs Bonner was subjected to a rigorous examination by five customs officers who opened all her belongings and closely inspected personal possessions, including family photographs, poetry records, correspondence and jewellery. It appeared that nothing was confiscated.

Mrs Bonner looked bewildered by the attention she was receiving from the Western media, although she appeared to be largely ignored by other Soviet passengers. She frequently shielded her eyes from the television lights before leaving, with a Soviet official pushing her trolley, to board a scheduled Alitalia flight.

One of the well-wishers who accompanied Mrs Bonner to the airport said she was unwell. A middle-aged man in the party, who was on the verge of tears, said she was due back in a few months.

● ROME: Friends here of Mrs Bonner say she has expressed fears that the Soviet authorities might look for a pretext to refuse to allow her back into the Soviet Union (Peter Nichols writes).

MP calls for Lloyd's chairman to resign

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One motion noted that Sir Peter, the former chairman of Lloyd's, has a "close business relationship" with Mr Cameron-Webb and Mr Dixon; that Mr Dixon was the Green family accountant and that in November 1981 he had allowed PCW to resign as a member of Lloyd's "without the statutory six months' notice, thereby allowing PCW to be out of Lloyd's jurisdiction from 1 January 1982 and preventing Lloyd's from freezing his assets."

The motion said that Sir Peter, during his chairmanship, had in February to March 1982, conducted a private inquiry into Mr Cameron-Webb's "£500,000 sludge fund held by Unimar in Monte Carlo" and that although no report was submitted, "Sir Peter was satisfied that everything was all right".

Mr Sedgemore's motion states that: "Sir Peter was put on notice in February-March 1982 that quota shares were placed in Unimar by Dixon through Howden Financial Services and not through normal broking channels".

The Department of Trade and Industry yesterday confirmed that it had passed a report to the DPP, after an inspectors' investigation into Minet Holdings, with prima facie evidence of fraud relating to the Unimar affair.

Lloyd's denies impeding DPP

Lloyd's yesterday issued a statement refuting that it was in any way impeding the DPP's fraud inquiries. It said: "he DPP has been provided with the same evidence and documents on which to base any criminal proceedings as that which Lloyd's itself had to commence its own disciplinary proceedings." Lloyd's requires the same burden of proof for its own proceedings as criminal law courts.

It continued: "It has been accepted by the DPP that Lloyd's has provided all documents of evidential value that are within its power to provide. Nevertheless, should the DPP require any further assistance it will be provided."

THE TIMES INFORMATION SERVICE

Today's events

Royal Engagements

The Queen holds an Investiture at Buckingham Palace, 11: later visits the Independent Broadcasting Authority to mark its 30th Anniversary, 3.

The Duke of Edinburgh, President of the English-Speaking Union of the Commonwealth, presents prizes to the 1985 winners of the English Language Competition and The Duke of Edinburgh Language Prize Competition at Buckingham Palace, 10.30; The Duke of Edinburgh, Patron and Trustee, attends a reception at St James's Palace for young people who have reached the Gold Standard in The Duke of Edinburgh's Award, 11.30 to 12.30 and 4 to 5.

Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother visits the Royal College of Music, 3.

The Prince of Wales opens the *Department of Health and* Social Security's Conference on Terminal Care at Central Hall, Westminster, SW1, 10; later the Prince, President, The Prince's Trust, accompanied by the Princess of Wales, attends the Premiere of the film "Back to the Future" in aid of the Trust at the *Empire, Leicester Square*, 7.45.

The Duke of Kent visits Deltacam Systems Ltd in Birmingham, 11.45; then visits Birmingham Fire Brigade on the occasion of its Golden Jubilee, at West Midland Fire Service Headquarters, Birmingham, 12.30.

The Duchess of Kent, Patron of the National Society for Cancer Relief, attends a conference on the Care for the Dying at Central Hall, Westminster, 10; later attends a dinner at Apsley House, Htde Park Corner, in Support of Live Music Now, 7.45.

Prince Michael of Kent, as President of I.M.I., attends the Castol/I.M.I. Gold Medal Award *lunch, Savoy Hotel*, 12.40.

Princess Michael of Kent offficially opens the new office premises of The Tudorbury Group plc, 5 Old Queen Street, SW1, 5.

Prince and Princess Michael of Kent attend The White Dove Ball in aid of The Royal Marsden Hospital *Cancer Fund at The* Dorchester, 8.30.

Exhibitions in progress

The Present–Now and Then; New Gallery, Abele Tree House, 9 Fore Street, **Budleigh Salterton**, Devon; Tues to Sat 10 to 5.50 (ends Jan 11).

The Mite-y Monster–the microscopic world of mites and ticks; National Museum of Wales, Main Building, Cathays Park, Cardiff; Mon to Sat 10 to 5, Sun 2.30 to 5 (ends June 10, 1986).

Halley's Comet; National Museum of Wales, Main Building, Cathays Park, Cardiff; Mon to Sat 10 to 5, Sun 2.30 to 5 (ends April 28, 1986).

Netherlandish Drawings; National Gallery, The Mound, Edinburgh; Mon to Sat 10 to 5, Sun 2 to 5 (ends Dec 24).

General

An Asthma Outbreak during a *Thunderstorm*: meeting, W Midlands Centre of the Royal Meteorological Society, Laboratory 1, Department of Geography, University of Birmingham. Speaker: Dr G E Packe, 7.15.

The papers

The Star says: "The Government and the Church of England are making rare fools of themselves. The current row over the Archbishop of Canterbury's report on the inner cities is truly much ado about nothing."

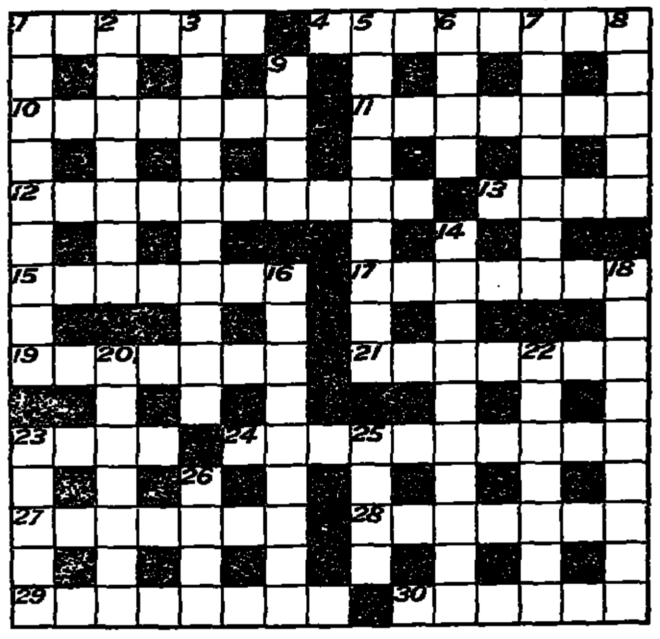
The Mirror, on the same subject comments: "Even before the report *was published*, anonymous ministers launched a smear campaign and described the report as "Marxist". "*In the depths of their malice*, government ministers give Marx a better name than he has ever deserved."

Parliament today

Commons (2.30): Debates on Opposition motions on the Northern Region and on the Silentnight dispute.

Lords (2.30): Debate on overseas trade.

The Times Crossword Puzzle No 16,910



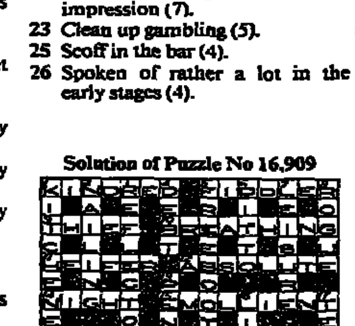
ACROSS

1 It shows if a cadet loses it (6).
4 A pyrotechnic stone . . . (8).
10 . . . and an immovable one (7).
11 With spring, I visit ruined castle (7).
12 Meet to hand over money (4,6).
13 Financial centre – that's only half the truth (4).
15 Take a drink, eluding getting drunk (7).
17 Bring to a successful conclusion an exotic letter to a lady (7).
19 Space for vessels in the river (7).
21 An unexpected event makes theatre-goers object (7).
23 Hit friends about (4).
24 A horse galloped outside to get more power (10).
27 Red ones move back (7).
28 Miss Liddell not completely absorbed in its characters (7).
29 Piano – instrument rejected by worker in a huff (8).
30 Unwilling to give smart-money ultimately (6).

DOWN

1 Infer cash is unusual in business arrangement (9).
2 Given supernatural protection, but many get hurt (7).
3 Fail in search for a sound-only cartridge (4,1,5).
5 Staff of newspaper in Shanghai? (5-4).
6 By the sound of it, moved boat in anchorage (4).
7 Grill-room in the French style (7).
8 Unstable boxer (5).
9 Make trouble in prison (4).
14 Sat, and then did the twist here (3,7).
16 Remaining fresh, like you said (9).
18 "Always" – coda takes artist about two seconds (9).
20 Acclaim from archbishop in hell (7).
22 Censor one performing an impression (7).
23 Clean up gambling (5).
25 Scoff in the bar (4).
26 Spoken of rather a lot in the early stages (4).

Solution of Puzzle No 16,909



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TV top ten

National top ten television programmes in the week ending ?x?x?x? ??:

BBC 1

1 Eastenders (Thu/Sun), 20.80m.
2 Eastenders (Tue/Sun), 19.95m.
3 'Allo Allo!, 15.05m.
4 Last of the Summer Wine, 14.40m.
5 *The Noel Edmonds* Late Late Breakfast Show, 14.20m.
6 Only Fools And Horses, 14.05m.
7 Blankety Blank, 13.00m.
8 Howard's Way, 12.90m.
9 Children of Courage, 12.85m.
10 Juliet Bravo, 12.80m.

ITV

1 Coronation Street (Mon) Granada 17.90m.
2 Coronation Street (Wed) Granada 15.15m.
3 The Second Worst of Alright On the Night LWT 14.55.
4 Crossroads (Tue) Central 13.80m.
4= *Dutch Girls* LWT 13.80m.
6 The A-Team ITV (except Central) 12.90m.
7 Emmerdale Farm (Tue) Yorkshire 12.85m.
8 Minder Thames 12.75m.
8= Play Your Cards Right LWT 12.75m.
10 Crossroads (Wed) Central 12.60m.

BBC 2

1 Fawlty Towers 10.00m.
2 The Natural World 7.90m.
3 Forty Minutes 7.20m.
4 Run, Chrissie, Run! 6.65m.
5 Alas Smith and Jones 5.50m.
6 The Fall and Rise of Reginald Perrin *5.25m.*
7 Food and Drink 4.85m.
8 Tarzan and the Great River 4.65m.
9 Lonely Hearts 4.45m.
10 Star Trek 4.25m.

Channel 4

1 *Brookside (Tue/Sat)* 6.80m.
2 Brookside (Mon/Sat) 6.15m.
3 Man About the House 4.50m.
4 American Football 4.10m.
5 A-Haunting we will Go 3.40m.
6 Nelly's Version 3.15m.
7 Countdown (Wed) 3.00m.
7= *Countdown (Fri)* 3.00m.
9 Countdown (Tue) 2.80m.
10 Who Dares Wins 2.70m.

Breakfast television: The average weekly figures for audiences at peak times (with figures in parenthesis showing the reach – the number of people who viewed for at least three *minutes*):

BBC1: *Breakfast Time*: Mon to Fri 1.3m (7.8m).

TV-am: *Good Morning Britain*: Mon to Fri 2.4m (9.8m): Sat Sun 1.2m (Sat or Sun 5.7m).

Broadcasters' Audience Research Board.

Anniversaries

Births: **Samuel Crompton**, inventor of the spinning mule, near Bolton, 1753; **Frederic Leighton**, Baron Leighton of Stretton, president of the Royal Academy, Scarborough, 1830; **Sir Rowland Hill**, originator of the penny post, Kidderminster, Worcestershire, *1795*; **Joseph Conrad**, Berdichev, Poland, 1857; **Anton von Webern**, composer, Vienna, 1883; **Rajendra Prasad**, *first president of the* Republic of India 1950-62, Zeradet, 1884.

Deaths: **Saint Francis Xavier**, Sancian Island, Shang ch'nan Tap, China, 1552; **Robert Louis Stevenson**, Samoa, 1894; **Mary Baker** Eddy, founder of The Church of Christ, Scientist, Chestnut Hill, Massachusetts, 1910; **Pierre Renoir**, Cagnes, France, 1919; **Dame Mary** Gilmore, poet, Sydney, NSW, 1962.

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Belgium Fr	79.10	75.30
Canada $	2.145	2.055
Denmark Kr	14.11	13.41
Finland Mkk	8.40	8.00
France Fr	11.82	11.28
Germany DM	3.87	3.69
Greece Dr	275.00	255.00
Hong Kong $	11.81	11.41
Ireland Pt	1.263	1.203
Italy Lira	2640.00	2510.00
Japan Yen	316.00	300.00
Netherlands Gld	4.35	4.15
Norway Kr	11.88	11.14
Portugal Esc	246.00	233.00
South Africa Rd	4.17	3.72
Spain Pta	239.50	227.50
Sweden Kr	11.81	11.26
Switzerland Fr	3.23	3.07
USA $	1.555	1.485
Yugoslavia Dnr	640.00	500.00

Rates for small denomination bank notes only, as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques and other foreign currency business.

Retail Price Index: 377.1.

Roads

Wales and the West: West Glamorgan A465 Neath to Resolven Road, lane closures both carriageways due to patching work. Somerset: A361 Taunton to Bampton Road, roadworks west of Taunton, Somerset. M4 Severn Bridge: *Between junctions 22 and 24 (Chepstow to* Newport) lane restrictions and contraflow.

The North: Blacow Bridge: M61 (junction M61/M6). Construction of new motorway link on M61 at Walton Summit. Left hand lane closure on both north and south bound carriageways. M1 South Yorkshire: Between *junctions* 32 and 34; work on central reservation. Right hand lane closures. A34 Congleton Town Centre, watermain work at various points. Local diversion. Traffic controls, severe delays.

Scotland: Glasgow City Centre: Hope St closed at junction with West George Street *because of burst watermain. Delays and* diversions. A9 Perth-Inverness Road: Inside lane closed 3 miles north of Dalnacardoch. Care required on approach. Fife A91 Milnathort-St Andrews, single line traffic at Springfield Road End.

Christmas post

Today is the latest recommended posting date for Christmas parcels and packets by airmail to Australia, Canada, France, India, Italy, Jamaica, New Zealand, Pakistan, Spain, USA and Zimbabwe.

Other countries with the same *last* posting date are: Afghanistan, Algeria, Angola, Anguilla, Antigua & Barbuda, Argentina, Azores, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belize, Benin, Bermuda, Bhutan, Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, British Virgin Islands, Brunei, Burkina Faso, Burma, Burundi.

Cameroon, Canary Islands, Cape Verde, Caroline Islands, Cayman Islands, Central African Republic, Chad, Chile, China, Christmas Island, Cocos (Keeling) Islands, Colombia, Comoros, Congo, Costa Rica, Cuba, Cyprus, Djibouti, Dominica, Dominican Republic, East Timor, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Equatorial Guinea, Ethiopia.

Fiji, French Guiana, French Polynesia, French West Indies, Gabon, Gambia, Gaza & Khan *Yunis, Ghana, Gibraltar, Greece*, Grenada, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea Bissau, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras Republic, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Israel, Ivory Coast, Japan, Jordan, Kenya, Kiribati, Korea, Kuwait, Lao, Lebanon, Lesotho, Liberia, Libya, Macao, Madagascar, Madeira, Malawi.

Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Malta, Mariana Islands, Marshall Islands, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Mongolia, Montserrat, Morocco, Mozambique, Namibia, Nauru Island, Nepal, Netherlands Antilles, New Caledonia, New Zealand Island Territories.

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Tunisia, Turkey, Turks & Caicos Islands, Tuvalu, Uganda, United Arab Emirates, Uruguay, Vanatu, *Venezuela*, Vietnam, *Virgin Islands* of USA, Wake Island, Wallis & Futuna, Western Samoa, Yemen, Zaire and Zambia.

A leaflet *Overseas Christmas Mail 1985* – giving details of the latest recommended posting dates for Christmas mail by air and surface – is available free of charge from post offices.

Weather forecast

A very mild airstream covers all districts. Most areas will have dry weather with bright or sunny intervals.

6am to midnight

London, E Anglia, Midlands, E, Central, N, NE England, Borders, Edinburgh, Dundee, Aberdeen: Mainly dry, sunny *intervals. Wind S fresh or strong.* Max temp 15C (59F).

SE England: Mainly dry, bright intervals. *Rain in places early and late.* Wind SW fresh or strong. Max temp 15C (59F).

Central S, SW England, S Wales: Bright or sunny intervals, scattered showers. Rain later. Wind southwest fresh or strong. *Max temp 15C (59F).*

Channel Isles: Bright intervals, occasional rain or drizzle. Wind SW fresh. Very mild. *Max temp 15C (59F).*

NW Wales, NW England, Lake District SW Scotland, Glasgow, Central *Highlands*, Argyll, *N Ireland*: Sunny intervals, scattered showers. Wind SW fresh or strong. Max temp 15C (59F).

Moray Firth, NE, NW Scotland: Outbreaks of rain turning showery, bright intervals in places. Wind westerly *fresh. Max temp 12C (54F).*

Orkney, Shetland: Outbreaks of rain, Wind W or NW fresh or strong. Max *temp 11C (52F).*

Outlook for tomorrow and Thursday: continuing changeable and mild.

North Sea, Strait of Dover: Winds southwesterly strong, occasionally gale. Occasional rain. Visibility moderate with fog patches for a time. Sea rough or very rough.

English Channel (E): Winds southwesterly strong, occasionally gale at first. Occasional. Visibility moderate with fog patches. Sea very rough becoming rough.

St George's Channel, Irish Sea: Winds southwesterly strong to gale. Showers. Visibility good. Sea very rough.

Sun rises: 7.47 am

Sun sets: 3.54 pm

Moon: 12.32

Moon: 9.22

Last quarter: December 5.

Lighting-up time

London 4.24 pm to 7.18 am
Bristol 4.34 pm to 7.27 am
Edinburgh 4.12 pm to 7.54 am
Manchester 4.22 pm to 7.36 am
Penzance 4.52 pm to 7.38 am

Yesterday

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

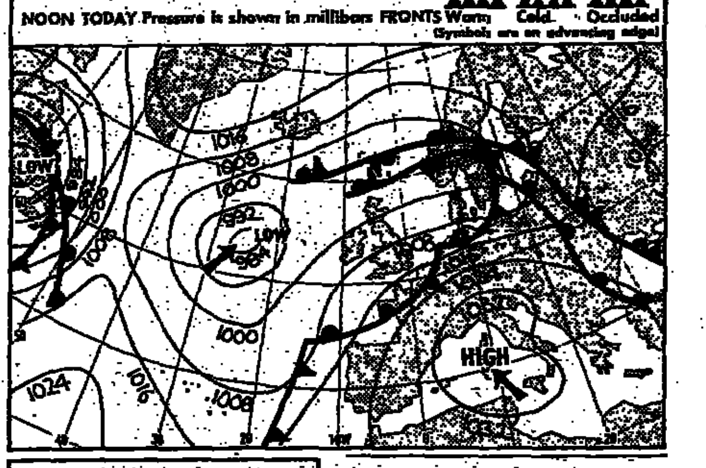
		C	F			C	F
Belfast	r	11	52	Guernsey	c	13	55
Birmingham	c	13	55	Inverness	f	9	48
Blackpool	r	11	52	Jersey	f	13	55
Bristol	c	15	59	London	f	14	57
Cardiff	c	13	55	Manchester	f	13	55
Edinburgh	c	13	55	Newcastle	r	11	52
Glasgow	c	12	54	Ronaldsway	r	10	50

London

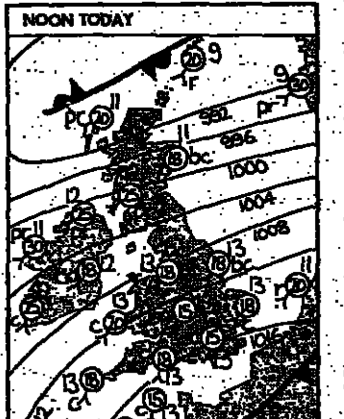
Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 16C (61F); *min 6 pm to 6 am, 13C (55F). Humidity*: 6 pm, 65 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, 0.09in. Sun: 24hr to 6 pm, 1.8hr. Bar, mean sea level, 6 pm, 1,011.5 millibars, falling.

Highest and lowest

Yesterday: Highest day temp: Chivenor, 18C (64F); lowest day max: Kirkwall, 9C (48F); highest rainfall: Douglas 0.76in; highest sunshine: Herne Bay, 2.8hr.



NOON TODAY Pressure is shown in millibars FRONTS Warm Cold Occluded (Symbols are on advancing edge)



b–blue sky; bc–blue sky and cloud; c–cloudy; o–overcast; f–fog; d–drizzle; h–hail; m–mist; r–rain; s–snow; th–thunderstorm; p–showers. Arrows show wind direction. wind speed (mph) circled. temperatures centigrade.

High tides

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	4.49	6.4	5.22	6.4
Aberdeen	4.49	3.6	4.42	3.8
Avonmouth	10.10	11.0	10.40	10.8
Belfast	2.13	2.9	2.35	3.3
Cardiff	9.55	10.3	10.25	9.9
Devonport	8.30	5.0	8.55	4.8
Dover	1.55	6.0	2.06	5.7
Falmouth	8.00	4.8	8.25	4.4
Glasgow	3.57	4.3	3.54	4.7
Harwich	2.46	3.6	3.16	3.7
Holyhead	1.27	4.7	1.41	4.9
Hull	9.36	6.2	9.35	6.3
Ilfracombe	9.01	7.8	9.32	7.4
Leith	5.58	4.7	6.19	4.7
Liverpool	2.12	8.0	2.27	8.1
Lowestoft	–	–	1.06	2.1
Margate	2.56	4.4	3.25	4.3
Milford Haven	9.24	5.9	9.53	5.8
Newquay	8.17	6.0	8.46	5.7
Oban	8.33	3.5	9.15	3.1
Penzance	7.35	6.1	8.02	4.8
Portland	9.35	1.9	10.18	1.5
Portsmouth	2.37	4.1	2.45	4.0
Shoreham	2.06	5.5	2.24	5.2
Southampton	2.03	4.0	2.11	3.9
Swansea	9.24	8.1	9.50	7.7
Tees	7.07	4.5	7.13	4.7
Walton-on-Naze	2.37	3.8	3.10	3.8

Tide measurement in metres: 1m=3.2808ft.

Around Britain

	Sun hr	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
EAST COAST					
Scarboro	–	.20	13	55	rain
Bridlington	–	.24	12	54	rain
Cromer	–	.31	13	55	cloudy
Lowestoft	–	.17	11	52	rain am
Clacton	1.3	.05	9	48	bright pm
Margate	–	.01	14	57	bright pm
SOUTH COAST					
Folkestone	2.4	.08	12	54	bright pm
Hastings	1.7	.07	12	54	bright
Eastbourne	1.4	.10	13	55	cloudy
Brighton	1.2	–	13	55	cloudy
Worthing	0.5	.02	13	55	cloudy
Littlehmptn	1.3	.03	13	55	cloudy
Bognor R	1.0	.02	13	55	cloudy
Southsea	1.1	.07	13	55	cloudy
Sandown	–	.06	13	55	dull
Shanklin	–	.04	14	57	cloudy
Bournemth	0.1	.22	13	55	rain am
Poole	0.1	.28	15	59	showers
Swanage	0.3	.14	14	57	cloudy
Weymouth	–	.27	14	57	cloudy
Exmouth	–	.48	15	59	showers pm
Teignmouth	0.2	.46	17	63	cloudy
Torquay	–	.47	17	63	rain
Falmouth	–	.41	16	61	cloudy
Penzance	0.1	.47	16	61	gale pm
Jersey	1.9	–	14	57	bright
Guernsey	2.2	.02	16	61	bright
WEST COAST					
Scilly Isles	–	.28	14	57	rain
Newquay	–	.15	17	63	showers
Ilfracombe	–	.38	17	63	showers
Tenby	–	.39	15	59	rain
Colwyn Bay	–	.23	16	61	rain
Southport	–	.37	13	55	rain
Morecambe	–	.39	14	57	rain
Douglas	–	.78	12	54	rain
ENGLAND AND WALES					
London (Cen)	1.8	.09	16	61	rain am
B'ham (Airpt)	–	.17	14	57	rain am
Bristol (Cen)	0.2	.11	16	61	rain pm
Cardiff (Cen)	–	.13	17	63	cloudy
Anglesey	–	.33	13	55	rain
B'pool (Airpt)	–	.32	14	57	rain
Manchester	–	.19	15	59	rain
Nottingham	–	.14	13	55	rain am
N'cstl-o-Tyne	–	.04	13	55	rain
Carlisle	–	.17	13	55	rain
SCOTLAND					
Eskdalemuir	–	.44	11	52	rain
Prestwick	–	.20	13	55	rain
Glasgow	–	.38	12	54	rain pm
Tiree	–	.12	11	52	rain
Stornoway	0.7	.11	12	54	showers am
Lerwick	0.1	.63	9	48	rain
Wick	–	.02	10	50	cloudy
Kinloss	–	.05	12	54	rain pm
Aberdeen	–	.08	11	52	rain pm
St Andrews	–	.22	11	52	rain pm
Edinburgh	–	.36	13	55	rain pm
NORTHERN IRELAND					
Belfast	–	.22	13	55	rain pm

Abroad

MIDDAY: c, cloud; d, drizzle; f, fair; fg, fog; r, rain; s, sun; sn, snow.

		C	F			C	F			C	F			C	F
Ajaccio	s	17	63	Cologne	c	13	55	Majorca	s	19	66	Rome	s	18	64
Akrotiri	s	18	64	Copenhagen	c	-2	28	Malaga	f	16	61	Salzburg	f	8	46
Alexandria	c	21	70	Corfu	s	17	63	Malta	s	19	66	Sao Paulo*	c	19	66
Algiers	s	19	66	Dublin	d	11	52	Melbourne	r	20	68	S Francisco*	r	13	55
Amsterdam	r	11	52	Dubrovnik	f	13	55	Mexico C*	f	17	63	Santiago*	f	27	81
Athens	s	18	64	Faro	s	19	66	Miami*	s	28	82	Seoul	s	0	32
Bahrain	c	26	79	Florence	c	13	55	Milan	s	7	45	Singapore	f	30	86
Barbados*	f	29	84	Frankfurt	f	9	48	Montreal*	c	-5	23	Stockholm	sn	-4	25
Barcelona	s	14	57	Funchal	c	21	70	Moscow	f	-9	16	Strasbourg	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
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